

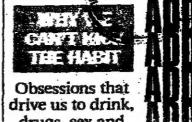


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drugs, sex and gambling **PAGES 12,13**



Octuplet

woman's

boyfriend

'not told

of drugs'

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

friend's agreement.

MEDICAL experts were astonished yesterday that Mandy Allwood, the single mother pregnant with octuplets, was given fertility treatment without her boy-

Doctors said they found it "extraordinary" that a private

clinic in Birmingham appar-

ently did not consult Paul Hudson, 37, before giving

Miss Allwood, 31, the hor-mone Metrodin and a bouster

drug Pregnyl, Mr Hudson, a property

consultant who has two child-

ren from another current rela-

tionship, discovered that his

lover was taking the powerful

ovulation drugs only after she

had started the course. He

said he found the idea of

fertility treatment "unnatural"

and was not ready to have

another child, though he has

Miss Allwood was told that. if she had sex while undergo-

ing the treatment, she risked a

multiple pregnancy. After tak-

ing two doses of the seven-day

course, she confessed to Mr

Hudson, who insisted she stop

Miss Allwood, from Soli-

null, was referred by her GP to

consultant who is under-

stood to have treated her at the

private Priory Hospital in

Most such clinics insist on

as a couple. Dr Gillian

Lockwood, clinical research

fellow in fertility attached to

the John Radeliffe Hospital,

Oxford, said: "I was very surprised that this woman's

partner did not know what

was happening. In my clinic and in most of the clinics I

know, we don't treat women.

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we treat couples."

Edgbaston.

said he will stand by her.

Labour urged to tackle 'last taboo'

Trim powers of the Queen, Blair is told

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen would be stripped of all political powers and her role as head of the Commonwealth to become a ceremonial figurehead under radical proposals to be delivered to Tony Blair today.

in the most far-reaching study on the future of the Royal Family for nearly half a century, a Fabian Society doc-ument proposes the abolition of the Civil List, transfer of the powers encompassed by the Royal Prerogative to the Speaker, and new national anthems for England and the United Kingdom.

It calls on Mr Blair to tackle Labour's "last taboo" and face p to the need to reform the

One of the most controversial proposals is that the Queen should be replaced as head of the Commonwealth by a rotating presidency, similar to that used within the Eurosan Union. The document also advocates a referencium on the future of the monarchy every 10 years at the same time as the census.

The conclusions of the 7.500 word document, Long to Reign Over Us?, will be used by Conservatives as evidence that Labour thinkers want to dismantle the Royal Family's historic position within the state, even though the Fabian Society is an independent body and its proposals are not Labour policy. The society, one of the oldest left-of-centre organisations in the world, is affiliated to the party, has 90 Opposition frontbenchers among its members, and has

Tony Blair as a patron. Michael Portillo, the De-Tence Secretary, said last night that the document - written by a prospective Labour candidate closely linked to recent party reforms - confirmed new Labour's desire to tamper

with the monarchy.
The historian Lord Blake was appalled, describing the ruggestions as immature, naive and pointless. The Queen as monarch has not put a constitutional foot wrong."

200 soldiers

die in Grozny

President Yeltsin has ordered an urgent investigation into the "gross miscalculations"

which resulted in the deaths

of up to 200 Russian soldiers

during the worst fighting in the Chechenian capital of

Grozny for more than a

today. One chapter. Labour's Last Taboo. says: "Ducking this issue is something that the Labour Party has managed particularly well. No serious attempt has been made by any Labour Government to reform the monarchy, nor has any

serious suggestion been made of reform while in opposition." New Labour advocated reform of Parliament, establishing Scottish and Welsh Parliaments, and a Bill of Rights. "Yet it has so far remained silent on the future of the institution at the heart of

6 A new national anthem should be composed by the Poet Laureate and Andrew Lloyd-Webber — God Save the Oueen does not mention England once 9

Britain's constitution: the monarchy. The uncharted waters into which Charles and Diana's divorce has steered the ship of State, the prospect of a divorcee becoming supreme governor of the Church of England, and the undignified behaviour of the younger royals, throws the future of the monarchy in its present form into serious doubt."

The success of presidents such as Nelson Mandela and Mary Robinson made the failure of the British Royal Family all the more stark. The Labour Party, to be serious about governing, cannot duck the issue any longer."

The document was written by Paul Richards, the Blairite prospective parliamentary candidate for Billericay, who is a supporter of the Royal Family. Ben Pimlon, the historian and author of a forthcom-

be sent to Tony Blair's office ing biography of the Queen. was on the panel of readers that approved the text.

The pumphlet says that the monarchy might not survive the rising tide of hostility unless the Crown is reinvented as a ceremonial figurehead with the political role removed. It says: "Many functions, such as adjudication in the event of unclear general election results, giving assent to Bills, and the announcing the Government's programme at the start of a parliamentary session, should pass to the Sneaker." Powers to declare war and ratify treaties would be switched to Parliament.

Another controversial sug-gestion is to replace the National Anthem with a hymn such as I vow to thee my country or Jerusalem. The pamphlet urges the composition of a national anthem to celebrate the UK with words by the Poet Laureate and music by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber to mark the millennium. "Our national anthem is not an exaltation of nationhood or an expression of prid in our country. It does not mention Britain or even Eng-

Funding would be raised through a royal levy of less than E5 per person per year. The Royal Household would be turned into a Department of the Crown answerable to Parliament and the entire expenditure of the monarchy would be brought under annual parliamentary scrutiny. Revenues from the Duchy of Cornwall, which go to the Prince of Wales, would revert

to the State. The pamphlet also urges a re-examination of the establishment of the Church of England and the monarch's role as Supreme Governor in a multi-faith society. It urges the abolition of the 1701 Act of Settlement, so that a monarch could marry a Roman Catholie, and of the law which prevents clergy standing for Parliament.

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Julian Green, who was killed by an erupting volcano while in the Philippines on a coral conservation scheme

British student killed by volcano

United puncture

the £15m dreams

By ROB HUGHES

ALAN SHEARER, the world's tens of thousands of New



ash 5,000ft into the air

A GIFTED medical student has been killed standing on the rim of a volcano in the Philippines which exploded "like an atomic bomb"

Julian Green, 21, died in the arms of fellow adventurer. Gordon Cole, who was praised for his courage in helping athers down the mountain around steams of flaming lava. Mr Green, from Uppingham. Leicestershire, died after being hit on the head by a chunk of rock spewed out from the eruption which shook the 7,305ft mount Canlaon, sending ash more than 5,000ft into the air.

Mr Green and Mr Cole, 22. from Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, had gone to the Philippines as volunteers on a coral conservation scheme.

spectators, many of whom had

turned up to gloat that the former Blackburn star had

opted to sign for Newcastle for

El5 million, the message was

that no one man makes a

team. A striker not served

with the ball cannot score,

and if the opponents are better

the Charity Shield, the tradi-

tional curtain-raiser to the

English football season, by four goals to nil, Manchester United, holders of the Premier

League and FA Cup double.

demonstrated that in team

work, in thought and pace and deed, they remain superior.

The alternoon began with

Shortly before leaving for the Far East, Mr Green learnt

that he had gained a first class honours degree after studying neuro-sience at Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School at the University of London.

The tragedy, in which two Filipinos, Noel Tragico and Noel Perez also died and several Belgian students were injured, one seriously, occurred early on Saturday morning when two groups of people had reached the rim of the active volcano.

After the explosion some survivors, including Mr Cole, were forced to spend the night on the mountain before being

airlifted to hospital.

One of the Belgian students, Philip Coucke, paid tribute to Mr Cole's courage. He said: "On the mountain he was a

really big help."

Mr Coucke said that as the mountain erupted he threw himself into a shallow depres-

castle supporters waving

"Shearer class" banners and

taunting opposing fans with

"Shearer's coming home". In

the event, he looked an exas-

perated ordinary man beaten

by a team who were led by an

Eric Cantona, their French captain, inspired Manchester

United with the first goal, led

them to further goals from

Butt, Beckharn and Keane

and, being Cantona, survived what should have been a

second-half sending off when

he lost his temper and

manhandled Belgian defender

Phillipe Albert to the ground.

son begins next weekend.

For Newcastle, whose bench

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WHEN YOU RETIRE IT'S GOOD TO HAVE

sky, making it difficult to breathe. I was shouting that I

would suffocate but then the

wind blew away the dark

Florence de Corte, 20, another Belgian, said: "It was

horrific. I saw ash falling

down. It was very dark, like

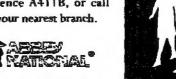
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clouds," he said.

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Grouse disaster sets RSPB a life-or-death dilemma

By MAGNUS LINKLATER

AS GUNS are loaded and Barbours donned this morning for what is likely to prove a modest grouse season, the RSPB is facing an agonising dilemma over whether to support the slaughter of hawks and harriers to protect the

game birds they prey on. The society's policy on shooting is strictly neutral, but it has always held that if sporting guns were stilled and nature allowed to take its course, a balance would be struck between gamebirds and predators, with both species flourishing.

Now that theory is being put to the test in an experiment at Langholm in Dumfriesshire. Although no one involved is yet prepared to discuss it publicly, it is an open secret that game birds have suffered a catastrophic decline on the moor — which once had the

most grouse in Britain - since gamekeepers stopped trying to control birds of prey five years ago. Other species, such as curlew, plover and some small heathland birds, have virtually disappeared.

A disappointing shoot. I only managed to bag a brace"

The hands-off experiment on the Duke of Buccleuch's 25,000-acre estate, now in its final year, has been part-funded by the RSPB, which is monitoring the findings.
Until it was launched,

gamekerpers controlled the predators, although they were prevented by law from shootng or poisoning them. Now they stand back as buzzards, hawks and hen harriers, hunting in pairs, take their toll. The result, in their view, has been nothing short of a disaster. Some local landowners believe the moor may never

figures produced by the

most expensive footballer, was brought back down to earth yesterday afternoon when his new team suffered a drubbing at the hands of Manchester United - the side he rejected. Before 73,214 Wembley

in every department he is lost. Newcastle were beaten in

Langholm report, which is expected to be drawn up later this year, will come at a point when grouse shooting faces a crisis. Last week, Continued on page 2. col 4

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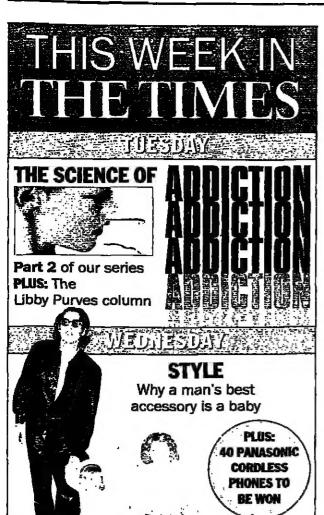
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Head of state must remain above politics

A MODERN constitutional monarch fulfils two roles, a constitutional one as head of state and a symbolic one as head of the nation. Both are best undertaken by someone free of party ties. During the VE and VJ celebrations last year, the Queen represented the nation to itself in a way impossible for a former party politician, whether an elected presi-

dent or the Speaker of the Commons. François Mitterrand was president of just one part of France, not of the whole nation. Mary Robinson is widely respected in the Irish republic. but one of her predecessors. Cearbhall O'Dalaigh, was, in effect. forced out of office in 1976 by a government which was politically opposed to him. It would not benefit

The Fabian plan for the monarchy would bring party politics into constitutional areas which are better as politics-free zones, says Vernon Bogdanor

was at the mercy of the government. The fundamental reform which Paul Richards favours - transferring the sovereign's power to appoint a Prime Minister and dissolve Parliament to the Speaker - was achieved in Sweden in 1974. Its main consequence has been to politicise the Speakership. The choice of Speaker has become part of the political battle. In Britain, a Conservative majority would hardly allow the election of Betty Boothroyd, a

Labour MP, were the Speakership to be given these new powers. It would ment. This would be a real accretion them under constitutional control.

instead choose a less worthy figure but one who could be relied upon to defend the interests of the governof power to the governing party. Yet one main aim of the constitutional Mr Richards wants a ten-year

the referendums we have had so far on Europe and on devolution have been on propositions put forward by the government of the day. What would be the point of a referendum on the monarchy when all the main political parties favour it? Besides, in 1995 a MORI poll revealed 41 per cent satisfied with the constitutional role of the monarchy. a higher score than for any institution other than local councils. Parliament and the courts scored only 34 per cent each. Should we have

referendums on them as well? Mr Richards want to replace the Queen's role as Head of the Comnwealth with a rotating headship. But, with 53 member states and a six-month term, each state would

wealth Head of State. Would he have been acceptable as Head of the Commonwealth?

The monarchy, as Mr Richards suggests, must always modernise itself, and there is certainly a case for making the royal finances more transparent. Archaic legislation such as the Act of Settlement and the Royal Marriages Act could also benefit from reform. But the fundamental case for keeping the head of state uncontaminated by party ties is quite unanswerable.

Vernon Bogdanor is Professor of Government. Oxford University. His book The Monarchy and the Constitution was published by Oxford University Press in 1995.

Blair embarks on crusade to convert Labour doubters

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR has decided to tackle head-on the fears raised by Clare Short about his revolution in the Labour Party and embark on a crusade to win over the doubters.

In the first clear sign that he is ready to respond to concern about his leadership style, Mr Blair has let it be known that he will intensify his efforts to bring on board the whole of the party for his reforms. He is to use this autumn's internal debate on Labour's draft manifesto, culminating in a referendum of party members, as a test of Labour's unity. To win backing for the document, he will lead the campaign around

LABOUR'S election chief last night accused the Conserva-

tives of trying to buy victory

with the biggest negative ad-

vertising campaign in British

political history (Philip Web-

As the Tories unveiled a new

poster depicting Tony Blair

with demonic eyes, Peter Mandelson said that if they

were prepared to portray a

practising Christian as the

devil, there were no limits to

how far they would go in personalising the campaign.

The new poster, drawn up by

the new poster, drawn up by the party's advertising agency at the urging of Brian Mawhinney, the party chair-man, was the immediate re-

It has the caption: "One of

Labour's leaders Clare Short

says dark forces behind Tony

Blair manipulate policy in a

Some senior Conservatives

privately voiced alarm over

comments by Clare Short.

sinister way."

the country to secure party support and to try to ensure that the whole party is comfortable with the changes. Mr Blair is said by close

allies to be determined that there should be no retreat from the policy and organisational changes. But his move is an acknowledgement that Ms Short, in her highly critical interview in the New Statesman, was probably speaking for others in the party who are unhappy at the scale and pace of change and at suggestions that Mr Blair is turning his back on Labour's

Tories accused of

demonising smear

the campaign. One said: "It is

dangerously personal. Labour

tends to keep off Major. I'm

not sure we should be going

for Blair. The public does not

been appointed as chief elec-

tion strategist by Mr Blair and

was assumed to be one of Ms

Short's dark forces said negative campaigning was "designed to engender irratio-

Dr Mawhinney denied that

the campaign was an attempt to "demonise" the Labour

leader. On GMTV. he said: "I

don't think it is personal.

certainly not in the sense of

trying to demonise Mr Blair.
What it is doing is taking

Clare Short's words and

saying to the British people, 'If

a Labour leader says that it is

sinister, that it's a lie, it's

dangerous, then they ought to

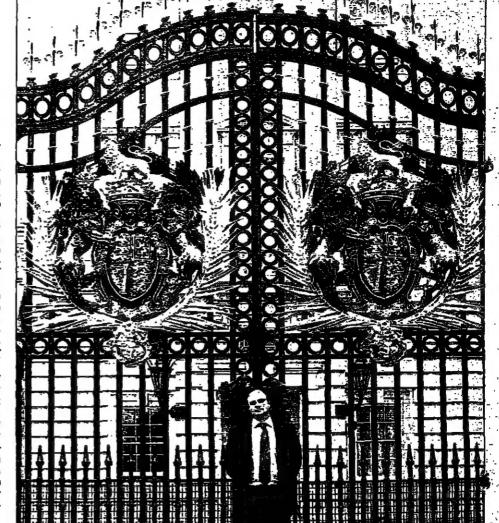
Mr Mandelson, who has

oed yesterday by two former Labour Cabinet ministers, Peter Shore and Roy Hattersley. Mr Shore. speaking on BBCI's Breakfast with Frost. said that Labour was failing to take on the Tories "on the high ground of politics". Mr Shore said: "It is no good pretending that we are a party which is no longer interested in re-distributing income in favour of those who are less advantaged than us in our society. It is no good pretending we are no longer in favour of improving and expanding our commun-ity services. They are fundaental and the very instinct of

the Labour movement. Mr Shore said the party spin-doctors were wrong to try push the message that Labour no longer believed in higher spending on public services, and so in higher taxes, so as to avoid frightening Tory waverers. The high ground of politics is always very much about taxation. To what purpose is it justified or not, are you part of a community or are you an individual?"

Mr Hattersley, the former deputy Labour leader, wrote The Observer that the leadership would be recklessly insensitive to ignore Ms Short's complaint that Labour was becoming ashamed of its own past. Writing off the last 30 years looks like abandoning the basic principles on which the policies of those three decades were built."

Mr Blair will use his full authority to get the maximum support for the manifesto document. He is reported to be over his case directly to the party it will strongly back him, as in the past. But his apparent readiness to listen to the fears of the traditionalists is significant and will be welcomed by party activists Leading article, page 17 and figures such as Ms Short.



Paul Richards, author of the report, outside Buckingham Palace yesterday

Fabians' political influence far outstrips historic group's size

By ANDREW PIERCE

THE Fabian Society, which oublished a report on the future of the monarchy yesterday, was founded in 1884 in achieving a democratic socialist state.

The Fabians put their faith in evolutionary socialism rather than in revolution. The name of the society was derived from the Roman general Fabius Cunctator, whose pa-

battles secured ultimate victory over barbarian forces. The society's early members

included George Bernard Shaw and H.G. Wells. The formers Sidney and Beatrice

The Fabians at first attempt ed to permeate the Liberal and Conservative parties with their socialist philosophies. But when that strategy failed they helped to set up the

Labour Representation Committee, which became the Labour Party in 1906. The Fabian Society has been affiliated to

Labour ever since. Membership of the society peaked at 8,400 in 1946. It is currently steady at about 5,000. But its importance has outstripped its size: most recent Labour leaders have been members. Paul Richards. the author of the pamphlet, is a member of the Fabian Society executive.

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Nationalist sit-down blocks road in protest at march

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland correspondent, and Audrey Magee

MORE than 100 nationalist protesters tried to block a lovalist march in Co Londonderry last night as a weekend of contentious marches in Northern Ireland drew to a

Police in riot gear were frafted into the village of Bellaghy as the demonstrators, including members of Sinn Fein, staged a sit-down protest on the main road against the march by 200 members of the Royal Black Preceptory.

Negotiations between the sides, which were organised by the RUC, continued as nationalists voiced strong objections to the march through the predominantly Roman Catholic village.

Other contentious marches throughout Northern Ireland during the weekend passed off relatively peacefully. Nationalist and Unionist leaders in Londonderry took heart after the biggest march of the day. attended by thousands of hyalist Apprentice Boys, took place without incident.

However, disturbances broke out in the city in the early hours of yesterday when nationalists hurled permi bombs at the police and at Lundonderry's war memorial. Police fired scores of plastic

larks, curlew and plover, it

Last weekend. David

Minns. RSPB head of public

affairs for Scotland, said he

Langholm experiment. How-

ever, he pointed out that on the

society's own 32,000-acre es-

tate at Abernethy, where the preservation of black grouse

and capercaillie has been the

main obective, they have

achieved significant increases

in numbers without any con-

trol of birds of prey - though they have had to shoot foxes

The answer lies in having a far greater variety of vegeta-

tion than you would see on a

traditional grouse moor," he

said. "If you have trees and

scrub, it gives the grouse

somewhere to hide and more

to feed on."

and crows, and call deer.

not discuss

may have to take action.

bullets to disperse the crowd. Police also fired plastic bullets on Saturday evening when loyalist protesters hurled stones at RUC lines in Dunloy, Co Antrim, The police were atacked when they prevented Apprentice Boys returning home from Londonderry from marching through a nationalist area.

A Sinn Fein rally in Belfast, which was held to mark the twenty-lifth anniversary of the introduction of internment without trial, also passed off peacefully yesterday. Gerry Adams. Sinn Fein president. said the issue of contentious marches had to be resolved.

RSPB dilemma

Scottish Landowners' Federation (SLF) showed that since 1977 stocks of grouse have crashed.

Although this season suggests a mild recovery, the prospects are bleak for landowners who need large numbers of birds to attract the bigspending shooting clients they need to make ends meet.

The SLF estimated that in 1994 revenues from grouse shooting brought in only £3 million in Scotland against expenditure of £13.7 million. At least 100 moors have gone out of commission in the past five years, with the loss of about 400 jobs.

The RSPB may well argue that helping landowners to build up stocks of grouse is not its business. But it will find it hard to dispute the findings of a survey in which it has taken part. And if they reveal the loss of other birds, such as

Volcano

Continued from page I night. Several stones hit my body. I could not run. I hid behind a rock. I saw many of my friends being hit by stones." Ms de Corte said. Another survivor said: "The explosion was ... like an atomic bomb,"

Yesterday, Mr Green's mother, Gill, 47, a teacher, said the whole family had heen devastated by news of the tragedy.

She said that her son was helping to make records of the coral and fish life in the Philippines, "He was going to return to do three years' clinical work to qualify as a doctor. This was his last long holiday before starting his working life and he wanted to

put it to good use." Mrs Green said her son loved travel and adventure and three years ago had won the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Leading article, page 17 Award.

Yard sets up ethnic links advisory body

NEWS IN BRIEF

Black and Asian community leaders are to be invited by Scotland Yard to join an advisory council in a new effort to improve links between police and ethnic minorities. The council will be the first of its kind set up by a force in Britain. The move will be announced later this month when the Yard sets out a new five-year strategy. The council would oversee the whole of the Yard's race relations policy and could advise police on how to handle sensitive incidents such as deaths in custody.

MoD claim rejected

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament yesterday rejected a statement from the Ministry of Defence which said that there "has never been" an accident involving the release of radioactivity from nuclear weapons in Britain. It followed a report in The Observer yesterday that accidents involving weapons had been covered up by the

Sport gets £30m boost

The Lottery Sports Funds have given £30 million to 23 different sports in the latest round of awards. The two biggest grants are to Hampshire County Cricket Club, in Southampton, which gets £7.1 million towards a £10.7 million ground relocation scheme, and Stoke-on-Trent City Council, which receives £7 million towards an £8.2 million

Bomb bill to reach £lbn

The cost of rebuilding Manchester city centre is likely to reach El billion as damage from the IRA bomb in June continues to be uncovered. The final bill will not be known until November when the city council presents figures to the Government but it expects to face a shortfall running into tens of millions of pounds. Council leaders and the City Centre Task Force are preparing to seek more help.

Thunderstorm alert

The thunderstorms and heavy rain that swept the country yesterday are set to continue today, with the risk of some localised flooding across the South East. Parts of London. East Anglia and the North were deluged with sudden rain yesterday. A spokesman for the Meteorological Office said: We are not out of the woods yet." He gave warning of local Forecast, page 20

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A possible £1m in deals is dependent on a large number of the eight foetuses being born

Mother in hiding as PR man seeks sponsorship

MANDY ALLWOOD, the single mother expecting eight babies, was seeking sanctuary at a secret address in the Home Counties last night from the "media circus" surrounding her high-risk preg-

Miss Allwood, 31, who has sold her story to the News of the World for an estimated £100,000, was accused of gambling her life and the lives of all her unborn children by insisting on proceeding without interference with the pregnancy, which she hopes will raise £1 million in newspaper and sponsorship payments.

The former property consultant and her boylriend, Paul Hudson, 37, have enlisted the services of Max Clifford, the PR consultant. He is contacting car, baby food and disposable-nappy companies to find a sponsorship deal.

Meanwhile the couple, from Solihull in the West Midlands. have asked the News of the World to provide them with a secret address close to King's College Hospital in south London, where Miss Allwood is under the care of Professor Kyprus Nicolaides, head of foetal medicine.

Doctors have advised Miss Allwood to have some of the embryos aborted or risk losing them all and damaging her own health. She has said: I know some people will call us irresponsible but as far as I am concerned, the more the merrier."

The newspaper is understood to be paying for a private tutor for Miss Allwood's son from a previous marriage, Charlie, 5, during

their period in hiding. Yesterday Phil Hall, the News of the World's Editor, denied there was a "sliding scale" in operation, where the deal was dependent on how many babies Miss Allwood had, and he insisted she was not out to make her fortune from the octuplets. "She does not want to gain financially for herself: she wants the money to bring up, feed and clothe her children," he said.

"If she doesn't have any children she doesn't get any money. If she gives birth to eight babies she will need a lot of money, if she gives birth to six she will still need a lot of money. If she loses two or three children we are still very interested in her story and the deal still

He added that if Miss Allwood miscarried or did not go through with the pregnancy the newspaper would "pay her a small amount and send her on holiday". He declined to say how much was being paid to the couple but inisted that reported figures of £350,000 were "way off the mark".

Mr Clifford, however, said that how much sponsorship Miss Allwood attracted would depend on how many babies she had. But the deal will benefit Mandy and Paul if, God forbid, she doesn't have any children at all. It is market forces. If she gives birth to two or three babies, well, lots of people have done that. If she gives birth to seven or eight there will be huge world interest,"

Robin Corhett, Labour MP for Birmingham Erdington, said: "It is



Clifford: helieves market

serious matter that ought not to be mifked for money. To try to make money out of a medical addity of

this kind is extremely distasteful."

Miss Allwood told the News of the World: "I'm deliriously happy. I want nature to take its course." The couple rejected advice to abort six embryos. Mr Hudson said: That's too horrific to contemplate. Our eight babies were obviously meant to be."

Pro-life groups welcomed Miss Allwood's desire to keep all the babies. Professor Jack Scarisbrick of the anti-abortion group Life had pleaded for nature to be allowed to take its course as some foetuses could naturally die as the pregnan-cy progressed. He said: 'I am delighted by her pro-life response to this challenge."

Mr Hudson, a property consul-tant, first contacted Central Television in Birmingham to tout the story. He then rang the News of the World and met representatives last Monday. On Wednesday he and Miss Allwood travelled to Wimbledon, southwest London, to meet Mr Clifford, who is now helping to shield them from rival television and newspaper reporters. .

"If all goes well over the next year we are talking about £1 million in sponsorship, syndication and deals. She will need every penny she can get," Mr Clifford said.

She doesn't believe in abortion, it's that simple. I guess it is a sign of the times that the first person she contacted was her gynaecologist and the second was the PR. I think she has done the right thing. Right now she isn't the one being besieged by the press, I am, and that has got to be better for her."

Last night the father of Miss Allwood's ex-husband Simon described her as "an extremely ustute woman who is very amhitious". Andrew Pugh, from Solihull, said: "All I care about is Charlie, who is my own flesh and blood. I am determined to try to ensure that he does not suffer permanently because of all this attention to his mother and her

"It is up to the parents what they do, but I honestly don't know what effect it would have on Charles. If you had eight other kids the pressure on everything would be

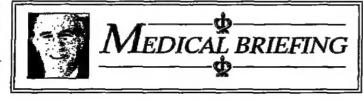


Mandy Allwood and her boyfriend Paul Hudson, neither of whom countenance abortions

Pregnancy that should be viewed as a catastrophe for all involved

FERTILITY treatment needs careful control if disasters, such as those threatening Mandy Allwood and her eight developing embryos, are to be avoided. Not only is it most unlikely that any of the eight labies will survive, but the preg-hancy and delivery also pose an unnecessary threat to the health. even life, of the mother. In medical eyes this pregnancy is a catastrophe.

Many doctors will be puzzled about why Miss Allwood was prescribed fertility treatment, for she had already had two pregnancies without, so far as is known, any problems. In her interview with the News of the World she did



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

not mention that there had been previous evidence of ovulatory failure and, indeed, she had an abortion three years ago, after receiving drugs following a car

If history was to be made and

Miss Allwood's eight embryos did live, the home background would not strike most doctors as an ideal one for the children. Paul Hudson. her boyfriend, is not living with her and has publicly said he does not intend to, for he has two

children by another current girl-friend. Not unnaturally, Mr Hudson says that he was opposed to Miss Allwood becoming pregnant at all. The dangers of misdirected fertility treatment are well-known. Multiple pregnancies result in premature delivery and unfortunately when these very small bables live they are likely to suffer physical and mental damage. Multiple pregnancies also carry an increased risk to the mother, both during the pregnancy and from severe bleeding and the danger of an obstructive blood clot after delivery. The accepted adage is that all the complications of pregnancy become more likely

when it is multiple, and that they will also probably be more severe. Miss Allwood's account of her fertility treatment is rather vague.

She says that she was prescribed Metrodin (urofollitrophin) together with Pregnyl (chorionic gonado-trophin) after consultation with her GP. But she does not actually say that it was her own doctor who gave her these preparations. It is very unusual for GPs to provide infertility treatment of this sort because the response to Metrodin. which stimulates the ovary to produce the eggs, has to be monitored carefully by ultrasound and taking hormone levels. After a

suitable ovarian response to

Metrodin - which is not the simultaneous ripening of eight ova - Pregnyl is given to bring about ovulation, the release of the eggs. When the use of Metrodin

which is made from the urine of nost-menopausal women, results in hyperstimulation of the ovaries, multiple pregnancies are not the only hazard. Hyperstimulation also causes enlargement of the ovary; if the patient is fortunate she may suffer no more than abdominal discomfort, possibly severe enough to be classified as pain, but if she is unlucky the hyperstimulation may lead to serious haemorrhage if the enlarged

cysts rupture. There have been

from another complication of hyperstimulation, deep vein ombosis.

Mothers who have an overabundance of maternal feelings may think that it would be nice to have an instant family the size of a nursery class. Doctors who have seen the results of some premature deliveries are less enthusiastic about this maternal dream; they know that to conceive eight babies at once, however good the home background, presents a failure, not a success. So great is the failure that even the thought of a reward of £1 million would not justify the

Time ran out for | Pupils face more heart defect girl

By DES BURKINSHAW

A GIRL aged two has died from a congenital heart defect after spending nearly all her life on a hospital waiting list. The parents of Natalie Kelley lay that she was denied lifesaving treatment because Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds. had only one paediatric heart surgeon, who was too busy to operate on their daughter.

The hospital is seeking to employ a second surgeon after admitting that it breached the Patients' Charter guidelines on waiting times.

The girl's congenital defect was diagnosed shortly after her birth. Her parents, Robert and Sadie Kelley, said that doctors had warned them that she would need an operation before her first birthday if she

They are demanding an inquiry. Mrs Kelley, 24, from Dewsbury, west Yorkshire. said that the family felt mistreated by the hospital. "We know that if they had done this operation Natalie would have stood a chance. She didn't

deserve to die like this." The child died on June 5 after collapsing at home. A post-mortem examination revealed that death was a result of a blood clot caused by pulmonary atresia, a congenital narrowing of coronary

An operation had been scheduled for March but was cancelled because the waiting list had not shortened sufficiently. The girl's case was reviewed in April, when her fingers and toes were turning blue and she had difficulty in breathing and walking.

The hospital has written to Mr and Mrs Kelley admitting that it breached the Patient's Charter recommendations on

waiting times. A spokesman for the hospital said: "We have every sympathy for Natalie's parents at this very sad time and if they have any unresolved concerns I would urge them to contact the hospital.

make sure they are not deteriorating. It seems as though Natalie did so very suddenly. It seems as though the information given to the parents was not as full as it should have been."

murder inquiries

By KATHRYN KNIGHT AND STEWART TENDLER

THE headmaster of Launceston College spoke of his hopes yesterday for "an end to the uncertainty" over the murder of Caroline Dickinson, as French police prepared to travel to Cornwall to question

pupils at the school again.

Caroline, 13, was raped and smothered three weeks ago in youth hostel on the last night of a school trip to Pleine Fougères in Brittany. Patrice Pade, 39, a local tramp who was arrested and charged after apparently confessing to Caroline's murder, was freed on Thursday after DNA tests cleared him.

Devon and Cornwall Police are awaiting a formal request from French police to travel to Launceston, but detectives are expected to make the trip in the next few days. They are understood to be anxious to question the four girls with whom Caroline shared a dor--Patients are reviewed to mitory and the five boys who were among the 39 pupils on

Paul Wroath, the headmaster, said vesterday that many of his pupils had already been interviewed for up to five

hours in the days immediately after the murder. Sixty detectives were involved in the

investigation. The interviews were long and thorough. In some cases questioning sessions lasted five hours. Statements were taken, stored on computer and signed by each interviewee. Full descriptions were given of any possible suspects," Mr

Wroath said.

He added that while many pupils had coped remarkably well, many still needed counselling, "Many are resilient and composed while others remain distressed. They have had to go through so much in these past few weeks. They must be helped to come to terms with what has happened and regain the confidence to enjoy life in the way that children should," he said.

Caroline's parents, Suc and John Dickinson, also called for renewed attempts to catch their daughter's killer. Then the man who robbed Caroline of her future and us of a lovely daughter will not be free to commit such a crime again,"

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Laugh a minute as festival comics try to avoid the one-man audience

A FIGHT for audiences on this year's Edinburgh fringe may be beyond a joke. A total of 185 comedy shows are competing for attention, 40 per cent up on last year and four times higher than a

They are up against more than 14,000 fringe performances by 9,000 artisles of all varieties, plus the International Festival and the Drambuie Film Festival. The 50th year of the three-week arts bonanza began last night with the international premiere of Dragonheart, starring Sean Connery as the dragon's voice.

The film festival also includes premieres of REM's Road Movie, Mulholland Falls starring Nick Noite, Bernardo Bertolucci's Stealing Beauty. and a visit by Jarvis Cocker of Pulp to talk about his pop videos. The International Festival includes the Mark Morris Dance Group at the Festival Theatre, and Miranda Richardson in Orlando at the Royal Lyceum.

One comedian. Chris Addison, re-called the horror of last year's Edinburgh fringe his double-act with a friend played to a one-man audience. The venue had 50 seats. Having an early morning

slot did not help.

The man's solitary clapping echoed through the hall as he said: "Very good, guys." Addison has been picked to appear in the BBC New Comedy Awards.

The comics are hoping to be seen by the dozens of talent-scouting agents, producers and promoters from as far afield as Australia, as well as the judges for this year's Perrier awards. The top prize, announced on August 24, is only £3,000, but all shortlisted winners get an

autumn season in London. Winning the prize has become a fastwood. Nica Burns, director of the Perrier awards, said: "He was always going to make it. The Perrier just made it a bit quicker."

Last year's Perrier winner, Jenny Eclair, is back again. Among those making their debut this year with a fulllength show is Matt Welcome, formerly a telecommunications computer analyst who decided to try his luck in showbusiness after a successful wedding speech as best man. He said: "It was the first bit of public speaking I'd done. Friends encouraged me to do some comedy in the local pub. Then someone at work died. That planted the seed. I thought. I don't want to die in this office. I didn't want my life to go by."

He specialises in the surreal and the sarcastic, such as: "When I was very very young, I had this feeling I was a boy, but a boy trapped inside a woman's body. track to stardom. Lee Evans became a Then I was born and it sorted itself out."

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Paul Grecian: to claim more than £500,000 in damages

DEPENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE businessman who told the intelligence services about Iraq's secret Supergun project is to receive compensation from the Home Office after his conviction for selling arms to Baghdad was quashed by the Appeal Court.

Paul Grecian, former managing director of Ordrec, a Reading-based arms company now in liquidation, received a suspended sentence in 1992 for illegally exporting an artillery fuse assembly line to Iraq. His conviction was quashed when it was revealed he had been working as an informant for MI6 and Mis. and that documents disclosing his relationship with the intelligence services had been withheld from the defence counsel. Mr

ployed since his company closed, applied to the Home Office for compensation under section 133 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, claiming miscarriage of justice. His case was also examined as part of the Scott inquiry into the arms-for-Iraq affair.

Kormornick, Mr Grecian's solicitor, said Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had now decided to make, without admission of liability, a payment from public funds. He said he was now preparing a "schedule of loss" — likely to be "well in excess of £500,000" — to compensate for pain, suffering and hardship as well as loss of earnings, past, present and future". Mr Grecian

More than half a dozen former company executives at the heart of the Scott inquiry are involved in claims against the Government, totalling millions of pounds. Paul Henderson, Trevor Abraham and Peter Allen, the three former executives of Matrix Churchill who were acquitted of charges relating to the sale to Iraq of machine-tooling equipment, are claiming against Customs and Excise.

Reginald Dunk of Atlantic Commercial Ltd and Alexander Schlesinger, a consultant to the company, whose convictions for selling sub-machineguns to Iraq via Jordan were quashed two years ago, were told in April that they were to receive compensation from the Home Office for miscarriage of

the Home Office, Mr Grecian has been granted legal aid to sue Customs for wrongful arrest and/or malicious prosecution. A writ is expected within months. with a damages claim also in excess of £500,000.

Mr Grecian still faces charges in the United States of illegally selling artillery fuses to Iraq and recently spent five months in jail in South Africa after being arrested at Johannesburg airport on an Interpol warrant. He was freed by a court to return to Britain.

Ordtec's artillery fuse contract was with Space Research Corporation, a Geneva-based company through which Gerald Bull, designer of the Iraqi Supergun. carried out business. The fuses were to be exported to the Jordani-

justice. Apart from his case against an forces, although Mr Grecian told the Scott inquiry that he and his company knew the fuses were bound for Iraq.

Sir Richard Scott said in his report that the Ordicc affair was complicated by the fact that Mr. Grecian, like Mr Henderson of Matrix Churchill, was helping the intelligence services. However, the timing of his information about the Supergun has always been crucial. Mr Grecian claimed he first mentioned it to the Metropolitan Police Special Branch in January 1989 and to MI5 and MI6 soon after. The Special Branch and MI5 and MI6 insisted the meeting took place

on December 21, 1989. The intelligence services argued that Mr Grecian's assistance as an informant began only after his company had signed the deal to sell

said they knew nothing of Ordiec's involvement in the contract when

ney first met him. Sir Richard supported the intellience services' recollection of the timing of the initial meeting and also cast doubt on Mr Grecian's claim that he had spoken about his company's fuse deal each time he met his contacts in MI6 and MI5. Sir Richard said he was convinced Mr Grecian made no mention of the fuse contract until May 15, 1990.

An MIo officer said he warned Mr Grecian that the intelligence services could not sanction any breach of UK law, including exporting munitions with a false end-user certificate. Mr Grecian denied a warning was given.

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Government launches inquiry

Exam board sets grade C maths GCSE at 14%

EDUCATION officials are investigating an examination board that reduced the grade C pass mark in a GCSE mathematics paper to just 14

The reduction brought down the mark needed to get a grade A to 43 per cent, according to the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA), which monitors the performance of exam boards.

The Department for Education will began an inquiry today into allegations that the Southern Examining Group (SEG) reduced the pass level after this year's results showed that candidates had not done as well as expected.

A department spokeswomconfirmed that SEG. ics papers taken by about a introduced controls on the

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of well-quali-

fied sixthformers turn down

places at university because

they are made to specialise too

early, admissions officials say

in a report today. More than 33,000 students

with sufficient exam grades

decided not to go to university

last year. One in seven of these

was offered a place but turned

it down, usually because they wanted to rethink their career

The Universities and Col-

leges Admissions Service

blames the "lost" students on

the narrowness of A-level

study and the need to apply for

a university place up to a year

before the course starts. This

means the choice of degree

may be based on only the first

tive of Ucas, says: "Our re-

search suggests that people

are having to make up their

minds far too early on what

they want to study and are perhaps being led into a specialisation far too soon.

for candidates to apply for higher education when they

are older and when they

After the need to rethink the

direction of study and career,

the second most common rea-

son for not taking up an

offered place was rejection by

a first-choice university, fol-

lowed by personal reasons

The Committee of Vice-

Chancellors and Principals is

consulting on a twin-track

system which would allow applicants to choose whether

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third of candidates, had been number of syllabuses allowed in several GCSE subjects, investigated two years ago for similar "grade boundary in-"Standards have to be maintained at a certain level and an examination board such as this has to adhere to that standard. We are concerned about standards, we want them to be as high as possible.

"Our officals will be inquiring of this board how it came to mark these papers in this way. If we are still not happy with the explanation, the SCAA will be asked to take a second look."

Although the investigation is at an early stage, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, has the power to take away the group's right to set examinations.

Last year Mrs Shephard

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Last year Ucas received

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Chris May, 20, was accept-ed by Lancaster University

last summer for a business

management degree but de-

cided to take time to reconsid-

er his future. He left college

with a merit in his general national vocational qualifica-

tion in business, equivalent to

Mr May, an assistant bar manager in Exeter, said: "I

took the business course

because a careers adviser said

it would leave my options open. However, I found it closed options for me when I

left college. People are made to

choose too early. You have to have your whole life planned

out before you go to university and if you don't you could

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waste three years."

including mathematics, after a lengthy investigation into the the London University Examination and Assessment Council. The investigation, carried out by the SCAA, concluded that the SEG had given out more GCSE B grades than were justified when marking mathematics and science papers taken in 1994. Tony Millns, assistant chief executive of the SCAA, said

that the recommendations made after that inquiry may have prompted SEG to set a particularly difficult paper this year, making it harder for candidates to score high marks, which in turn affected the level at which grades were The grade B inquiry indi-

cated that SEG needed to reconsider its standards in mathematics," he said. This year's results will be kept under particularly close scrutiny, to make sure there is no major discrepancy between this year's results and last year's, or with other examin-

Mr Millns added that the SCAA would be asking for a report from its independent meeting at which SEG offici-als decided that one paper was so hard that a mark of 43 per cent would merit a grade A.

Up to a third of SEG's 200,000 GCSE mathematics candidates sat the paper under investigation. It carries 35 per cent of the total marks and, taken with another paper and coursework, forms the hardest combination candidates can take.

George Turnbull, a spokesman for SEG, defended the board's marking practices. He said: "If the examination paper is more difficult, it will be harder for students to get marks, therefore the raw score will be lower. If it is easier, students will have to get a higher percentage to get the

same grade. "I can guarantee that the standards of the scripts for that particular paper are equivalent to a grade C from last year's examination, and the previous year's exam-

However, the low pass grade was criticised by the Engineering Employers' Federation. Ann Bailey, its head of education, said: "Fourteen per cent may make the grade for the Southern Examining Group but it doesn't make the grade for the engineering industry. Engineering employers need to know that recruits have a good grounding in maths and credible qualifications. A 14 per cent pass mark

is neither. News of the decision came as next week's GCSE results were expected to reveal a rise in pass rates for the ninth year running, prompting renewed criticism that exams are getting easier.



"Hello, hello, hello": Liam Gallagher opened proceedings at Knebworth, greeting 250,000 fans, Photograph; Gill Allen

Big is beautiful as Oasis take their place in the record books

"YOU'RE making history, you lot," the beaming Noel Gallagher says, looming over the audience on the largest video screens in the world. And indeed they are: 250,000 people over two days made Oasis at Knebworth one of the biggest gigs in British

Three million people, 5 per cent of the population, app-lied for tickets and those lucky enough to get them were treated to two new songs. My Big Mouth and It's Getting Better Man. along with tried and tested hits. With a guest list of 7,000 there were plenty of opportunities for star-spotting: Mick Hucknall of Simply Red, Jarvis Cocker and Kate Moss made their way to the celebrity enclosure to compare bodyguards with Liam

One in 20 Britons applied for

Gallagher and Patsy Kensit, and all looked disingenuously surprised when mobbed by amateur paparazzi.

For those not chosen as Kate Moss's plus one, there were tickets still available at a price. Cro-Magnon touts were willing to get you into "The Gig of the Decade" for £300, a sizeable mark-up from £22.50. Once inside, many would have gladly paid £300 to avoid queues. There were 400-yard tailbacks for each bar and toilet. But with the temperature into the 80s

tickets to see Oasis in concert at Knebworth. Caitlin Moran joined the crowd on Saturday and a PA so powerful every-

one was guaranteed to leave touched by tinnitus, such matters were of little importance. Oasis took to the stage at 9pm, greeted by a roar so huge that flocks of birds took

to the sky from Knebworth's "Hello, hello, hello," Liam said, making a fairly good job of John Lennon's famous "retard" impression. "Let's go." And off they went, kick-ing out the music that has made the Top 40 truly excit-ing for the first time in ten

the estimated £5.6 million the weekend accrued.

Joined for the inevitable encore of Champagne Su-pernova by The Stone Roses's ex-guitar player John Squire — one of Noel Gallagher's beroes — Oasis bowed out in a blaze of guitar solos and a firework display. As many tired and emotional punters fell over backwards. disorientated from staring at the sky so long. Martin Carr of the Boo Radleys said: "Everyone in Britain - except Damon from Blur loves Oasis. They can do no wrong." He would appear to

☐ Nine fans were arrested after Saturday's concert, mostly for public order offences when 15,000 tried to

Yard unit to fight crime at sea

Scotland Yard is creating a seasoning seagoing unit with two £100,000 boats. Officers from the Thames division, who usually patrol London rivers. are to be trained to provide back-up for Customs and immigration investigators and navy operations.

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The six-man unit is being created because no other agency involved with boarding vessels has full police powers to carry out searches and make arrests. The 20ft rigid inflatable boats will be delivered in the autumn.

Government eye

The Department of Transport uses the most private detertives in Government, according to figures collated by a Labour MP. Last year it spent £477,000 seeking evidence against trespassers on road building sites and on processing legal documents.

MP's boycott

A Tory MP has banned Gorman wines from his hotel, inc. protest at the ban on British beef exports. Warren Hawksley, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, runs Edderton Hall, near Welshpool, Powys, with his wife, Evelyn.

Villages appear

Four "quintessentially English" villages in Essex are to take their case against plans Appeal. The parish councils of Birchanger, Felsted, Little Dunmow and Takeley have been overwhelmed by messages of support.

Diver killed

A diver has died while working in the North Sea. Gard Carey, 38, of Okehampton. Devon, was working from the diving support vessel Discovery in the Ness field, 190 miles north east of Aberdeen. He was employed by Sub Sea Offshore of Aberdeen.

Alzheimer's aid

A £250,000 laboratory at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, is to study whether gene flaws hold the key to Alzheimer's disease. Researchers, led by Professor Gordon Wilcock, will also consider environmental and sociological factors. The lab was funded by a donation.

Oates bible

A bible which belonged to Captain Lawrence Oates is expected to fetch about £6,000 at Christie's next month. Oates chose to die rather than delay Scott's 1912 Antarctic expedition. The bible was returned to his family after searchers found the bodies.

Speedboat death

A teenager died when he fell from a speedboat in Loch Lomond yesterday. The 16year-old was a passenger in the boat, which was being driven by another youth of the same age, who was not in-jured. A police inquiry is under way.

Ahead by a neck

John Evans, 49, set a world record by balancing 93 milk crates on his head for ten seconds at Mansfield. Nottinghamshire. The builder, who has a 23-inch neck mea-surement, acquired the skill carrying piles of bricks up

Chipping in A 5ft mermaid will be carved

in a 22-ton block of granite over the coming weeks at Land's End by Penzance artist Bas Roscoe, in the hope that visiting tourists will contribute to The Mermaid Appeal to build a £500,000 breast-care centre at Truro.

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Army recruiters offer schoolboys a flying start

THE Army began a parachuse course for schoolboys yesterday as part of its efforts to attract vitally needed recruits. With a shortage of 4,000 front-line

troops, the Army is seeking to convince teenagers still at school of the excitement and merits of a career in the military. Low birth rates in the 1970s will exacerbate recruiting problems for the Army seeking its new officer class over the next few years. The Royal Artillery is one unit invit-

ing potential recruits on courses that are demanding and offer a taste of ser-

vice life. For Ben Stell, from Sedbergh

School, Cumbria, the plan works. He is one of about 20 schoolboys on a five-day parachuting course at the Joint Service Parachute Centre at Netheravon, Wiltshire, organised by the Royal Artillery's recruiting officer, Major Andy Waller.

"I grabbed the opportunity because I have always wanted to know what jumping out of a plane was like," said Ben, 18. of Keighley, West Yorkshire, who plans to study chemistry at Manchester University next year. "However. I'm now fairly interested in joining the artillery because it is a

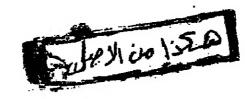
diverse organisation with things like a parachute unit. commando unit, air defence and field artillery. Huw Brook, 17. from Bradford

Grammar, said the course had stretched everyone mentally and had been a good introduction to army life. "It has certainly made me want to become an officer because you are the person that has to make decisions rather than just doing as you are told," Huw, of Halifax, said.

Although interested in the Artillery. he said his future probably lay in the Royal Engineers or the Royal Electric-

al and Mechanical Engineers, as he planned to study engineering at university. That does not worry Major

"The important thing is that young people have a look at the Gunners and get a taste of army life. We tell them to go away and look at other regiments to compare and contrast. Hopefully, if they don't join the Royal Artillery, they will at least join the Army - and that is what matters most, he said. He hopes to reach other schools "because we are going to have to work even harder to satisfy our recruiting needs."



Desperate attempts at revival lasted three hours

Five teenagers drown in car crash at holiday camp

By LIN JENKINS

FIVE youths died yesterday when their car overturned and landed upside down in a dyke at a holiday caravan park.

orman

The youths, aged between 14 and 18, who apparently had been staying in a hotel, had been visiting friends who were on a camping holiday at the park, near Skegness, Lincolnshire. Their Montego ear crashed through a small wooden fence and flipped over as they drove out of the site shortly before

A sixth youth in the car, who had suffered minor injuries, managed to clamber out after winding down a window. He was released from hospital in Skegness yesterday. Friends travelling in a second car who were leaving at the same time fought to free those trapped as the car disappeared under 4 ft of water in the 20ft wide drainage duch

Holidaymakers on the Coral Beach caravan site at Inaguldmells helped in the rescue.

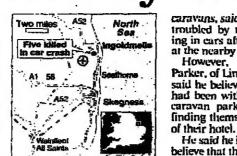
Police arrived at the scene within four minutes, leapt into the water and pulled two teenagers clear. One of those pulled out died in hospital.

The officers were joined by firefighters and ambulance crews and the remaining youths were dragged from the car. Lengthy attempts were made to resuscitate the youths. lasting, in one case, three hours, but without success.

All the teenagers were on holiday from Lencester, Police said that they would release their names today after the families had formally identified the hodies,

by Savage, who was staying on the site, was woken by the crash and looked out, "I saw one lad get out from the water on his own - I saw him climbing up the bank. He was in a mess. I think he thought he could go back in and save them but he couldn't."

Jean Twells, whose caravan overlooks the drain, said: "



was upside down, sinking into the water. A chap was on the bank shouting for people with mobile phones to get help. He was hysterical. He said it was

his car. Mrs Twells said that the police had tried to turn the car, so that the teenagers could be pulled out. "Soon after, they managed to break one of the windows and they tried to drag the people out. They put them on plastic sheets and did their best for them but it was obvious it was too late."

Isabelle Belton, a director of the park, which has 1.000

troubled by teenagers speed-ing in cars after leaving raves at the nearby Fantasy Island. However, Inspector Les Parker, of Lincolnshire Police, said he believed that the boys had been with friends on the caravan park, possibly after finding themselves locked out

He said he had no reason to believe that they had been to a rave at Fantasy Island. "As far as we know, six young lads who had been staying on the site for some reason were in their car intending to leave when they failed to negotiate a junction.

There was another group of lads in a car and they were trying to rescue their friends when we arrived. They're all very, very shaken, and very upset, and they've all been taken home."

Officers have been testing skid marks at the seene to assess the car's speed. They were also planning to speak to the dead youths' friends on the



The scene after the fatal car crash at a Lincolnshire caravan park early yesterday

Rally will mark first fatal road accident

THE 100th anniversary of the first road death in Britain will be marked this week by a rally in London.

Bridget Driscoll, of Croydon, south London was knocked down by a car on August 17, 1896. At the inquest into Mrs Driscoll's death, the coroner expressed the hope that such a thing would never

happen again. On Saturday, a processio led by relatives of road accident victims and others in-jured in crashes will start from Gipsy Hill station. Dressed in black and carrying photographs of those who died, they will march to Crystal Palace park where Mrs Driscoll died to lay a

RoadPeace, a charity for road accident victims, said that since Mrs Driscoll's death, at least 500,000 people had been killed and 30 million injured on the roads. Ten people die and 800 are injured every day. The Goverument has set a target of reducing road casualties by one third by 2000 compared with the average for 1981-85.

Scottish nets pose fresh risk to porpoises

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

FISHERMEN in Scotland have been given clearance to use nets that will kill thousands of porpoises, a species the Government has committed itself to protecting. The order permitting the use of the nets comes into force today amid a chorus of criticism from animal rights and envifonmental groups.
This is the worst possible

thing that could have been done," says Mark Simmonds of the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. "The Government is meant to be protecting the species, not allowing the use of nets which

On July 23, two days before Parliament rose, the Inshore was laid by the Scottish Office. it allows Scottish fishermen to use large mesh nets which form a "curtain" rising from the sea bed. The nets are set and left, the fishermen returning later to lift the catch of turbot, halibut and monkfish. Among them are certain to

be many harbour porpoises. the smallest of Britain's dolphins. The porpoises get caught in the mesh and suffocate. They are manunals and need to surface to breathe.

Scottish fishermen have not been permitted to use these dets for the past decade, to restore salmon populations. What has astonished the wildlife charities is that their use is

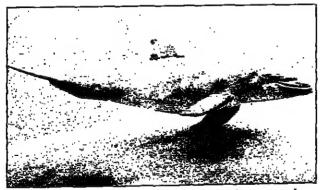
being allowed just four months after John Gummer, environment secretary, en-dorsed the US Biodiversity Action Plan, which identifies the harbour porpoise as a species in decline and requiring special protection.

The Scottish Office says that the Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen advised that these nets were no more dangerous to porpoises than others. The order allows their use only outside the six-mile limit, to protect inshore creatures including porpoises.

Fishermen will have to record "bycatches" — species caught by accident - and send the figures to Aberdeen. But the wildlife groups have no doubt that these will include many porpoises.

Research in Danish fisheries in the North Sea recorded an annual catch of 7,000 harbour porpoises in large mesh gill nets. Figures from the environment department show that 38 per cent of the porpoises washed up dead in English and Welsh waters have died in fishing nets.

"We condemn the Government's hypocrisy in trumpeting its launch of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan while extending the use of these deadly nets which threaten one of the very species they claim to protect," says Helen McLachlan, Senior Scientific Officer of the RSPCA.



Porpoise: campaigners say Government has reneged

Successful summer for sex-swap wader

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

ONE of Britain's rarest birds, the red-necked phalarope, has had its most successful breeding season in almost 30 years. At least 40 pairs of the waders, which seidom grow more than six inches long, nested on the Shetland island of Fetlar this year, according to the Royal Society for the Protection of

The island's colony is esti-mated to represent 90 per cent of the British population, nearly all in the Shet-land Islands. Phalaropes have been declining in Britain for more than a century because of human disturbance and loss of habitat, and reached a low of no more

than 12 pairs in the 1980s. David Minus, of the RSPB in Edinburgh, said: "We have used mechanical diggers to enlarge the area of breeding pools and introduced graving by Shetland ponies to marshy vegetation



Red-necked phalarope

down to the height that best suits the birds."

Most of a phalarope's life is spent at sea in the South Atlantic or in the Arabian Gulf, but during the summer it returns to land to breed, mostly in the Arctic regions of Iceland, Norway, Russia and Canada. Northern Britain lies at the limit of the birds breeding range.

Phalaropes are noted for their reversal of the normal sex roles. The more brightly coloured females initiate courtship and change mates every few days, leaving the discarded male to incubate the eggs and raise the chicks.



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Vanishing remains of an emperor's highland fling



BY ALAN HAMILTON

HARDLY had Hadrian completed the building of his mighty wall from Tyne to Solway than his successor as clared it redundant. Such is the fate of grandiose strategic lefence initiatives, whether launched by ancient emperors or Ronald Reagan.

Antoninus decreed that the frontier of the empire should move some 75 miles to the north; he ordered the construction of a new wall from the Forth to the Clyde. At 36 miles it was less than half the length of Hadrian's and of turf rather than stone, but was still a massive work of engineering which involved detachments of all three Brit-

ish legions in its construction. Built to a height of9ft, the Antonine Wall was surmounted by a timber patrol-walk, adding another 5ft. As the toiling gangs began and finished their allotted sections they carved and installed



Dr Lawrence Keppie

examples survive in the

University of Glasgow. Like its bigger and older brother, the Antonine Wall was accompanied along its entire length by a massive ditch, the vallum, 40ft wide and at least 12ft deep, and to

its rear ran a military road.

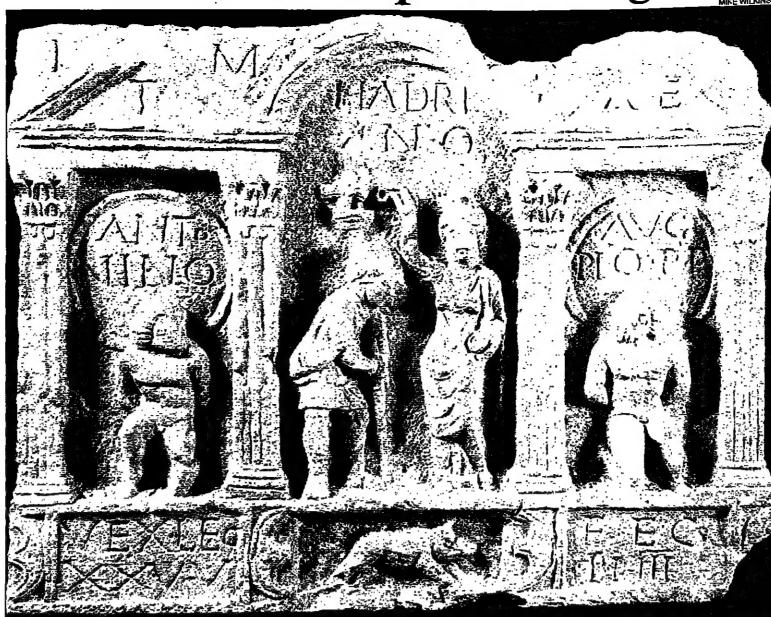
Although virtually nothing now stands above ground, the Antonine's mounds, ditches and fort foundations leave a visible trail all across the dour and unattractive central belt of Scotland, from Boness on the Forth west of Edinburgh. to Old Kilpatrickon the northern Clyde shore near Dum-barton. After Hadrian's Wall, the Antonine is the largest Roman footprint remaining in Britain and one of the least

completed in AD 142, Hadrian's Wall was abandoned and its garrison moved up to the new frontier to be housed in a line of 19 forts along the turf wall, the soldiery doubtless muttering at being moved to an even colder billet. Northern Britain was forev-

er a thorn in the imperial side and the forces of Rome, for all their numerical strength and organisation, never subjugated it. In the early years of occupation, General Julius Agricola had made a determined effort to tame the wild Caledonians, defeating them in AD8I at the mysterious battle of Mons Graupius, the location of which is unknown but is assumed, on no great evidence, to have been under the hill of Bennachie, near Inverurie, Aberdeenshire. But the highlanders did not

take their beating lying down. What spurred Antoninus to move the frontier is not clear. It is likely that southern Scotland was living at peace with its conquerors, while further north the mountain tribes were harrying the legions; there is no shortage of ng camps in the Highlands as far north as Aberdeen and there is a particularly fine example at Ardoch, near Braco, north of Stirling. It is equally likely that the Caledonians were having a

brief respite from doing anything at all, but that Antoninus, like so many politicians before and since, needed a military victory somewhere in



The legions installed carvings in the forts, such as this distance marker from the wall at Hutcheson Hill, now in the Hunterian Museum

the empire to boost his standing at home. General Lollius Urbicus was the man sent to do the job, and the Romans built a fine road, Dere Street, to service the harbours near Edinburgh. The route was roughly that taken by the modern A68 through Bishop Auckland, and the A696 through Jedburgh.

Whatever the reason, the useful life of the Antonine Wall was brief. Within 20 years it had been abandoned, and the garrison re-established on Hadrian's Wall; as likely because of a change of frontier policy dictated from the far distance of Rome as a because the Caledonians gained the upper hand.

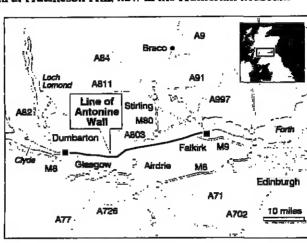
Rome continued to fight the northerners well into the fourth century, by which time the empire was fraying at the edges under the onslaught of Picts, Gauls, Franks and oth-ers from beyond the pale. But by that time the Antonine Wall was as irrelevant as the trenches of the Somme against the advance of Hitler.

Dr Lawrence Keppie, reader in Roman archaeology at the University of Glasgow, finds it one of the most commonly held misconceptions that the Romans never got beyond Hadrian's Wall. He also finds widely differing history: "In southern Scotland and the borders, they take pride in their Roman history. But in the north there is more hostility to them as imperial aggressors rather than bringers of civilisation. It is all tangled up with Scottish

these Highlanders.

They have long memories

nationalism.



Tracing footsteps of the legions

of the Antonine Wall requires some detective work and a good map, but three principal sites are readily accessible. Start with the excellent collection from the wall at the Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow. Gilmorehill, Glasgow (Mon-Sat. 9.30-5, closed Sun. admission free). Pick up a trail leaflet and a copy of The Antonine Wall by Anne Polyesteen (Glasgow An Anne Robertson (Glasgow Archaeological Society, £4.50).

For the wall itself, take the A81 to Bearsden in Glasgow where, amid housing near Grange Road, are the substantial remains of a bath house that formed part of one of the wall's forts.

To see how the wall commanded a panoramic view to the north, take the A803 northeast from Glasgow and, just beyond Kirkintilloch, turn right on the B8023 for Twechar to reach the fort of Bar Hill, the highest of the wall. The line of the wall is clearly visible 60 yards to the north and there is an information board provided by Historic Scotland.

The mounds and ditches of the wall survive particularly well — up to 5ft high in places — in the region of Rough Castle, among the best-pre-served of the forts. Return to the A803 from Bar Hül at Kilsyth, go about 7 miles north-east to Bonutybridge, and turn right on the B816. and turn right on the B816.

If you still have an appetite

for ditches, a visit to the fort at Ardoch is rewarding. It is in the village of Braco. 12 miles north of Stirling (A9 to Greenloaning, then AS22 to Braco).

But some of the finest Roman remains in Scotland are at present maddeningly the Traprain Treasure, silver from East Lothian, you will have to await the opening of the Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh in November

Popular intellectual to succeed Odone at Catholic Herald

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

WOMAN who once thought she might become a nun has been appointed Editor of the Catholic Herald. She is likely to prove a stark contrast to her predecessor, the high-profile Christina

Deborah Jones, 48. the deputy editor of Priests & People, a highly rated Roman Catholic monthly journal, will take over in October from acting editor Harry Coen, a respected national newspaper journalist who did not apply for the job. Like her predeces sor. Miss Jones is a single woman with no children, but there the similarities end.

Miss Odone published a novel this year, called The Shrine, about an Italian girl who has religious visions. Known to Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, as the "Odd One". she once said: "My God, I'd love to have sex 9,000 times a day with 6,000 people."

Miss Jones, meanwhile, is author of a seminal work on adult education, which is an

annual sellout to adults who want to convert to Catholicism. In it she writes: "Personal relationships involve a morality which is consistent with Christ-like behaviour. Really loving relationships between men and women require a high degree of generosity, constancy . . . For-

promoting such qualities as She warns: "The deep anxieties which many, particularly young people, have about sex makes them easy prey for those who can exploit these fears and turn them into cash .. Love, for a Christian, is not a game, a contest or a chance

to dominate." Miss Jones's appointment, due to be announced officially next week, is being welcomed within the church, where bishops speak warmly of her high intellect and integrity. She is an ardent advocate of the modern church reforms introduced by the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Her friends insist that she will

"have no truck" with traditionalists who want to turn back

charge of Catholic adult education for the East Anglia diocese. She also works on the diocesan programme for re-ceiving adults into the church. tunes are rarely made from Miss Jones also serves on the bishops' conference committee for theology and is cochair of the Association of

Besides working for Priests

& People, Miss Jones is in

Adult Religious Educators. She did not apply to be Editor of the Herald but was headhunted after her name was recommended to Otto Herschan, chairman of the independent trust that owns the newspaper. According to friends, she was thoroughly surprised by the approach and, being content with her

current work, considered deeply before taking the job.

She intends to commission articles from bishops and other church leaders on church affairs, as well as features on world affairs from informed lay men and women. She is



Odone: referred to by Hume as the "Odd One"

known to be critical of recent Herald articles such as that by novelist Alice Thomas Ellis. who attacked the ecumenical record of the late Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock.

An insider at the Herald said: "We are all delighted. She is tremendously impressive and wonderfully stable. with a lively and independent mind. She is not simply knowledgeable, but has a very careful and considered view which will put her firmly in the great tradition of all the paper's former great editors."

Bathing on beach at Paris? Ah yes, I debt to Indians remember it well

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

BRITISH ignorance of geography was claimed yesterday to have reached new heights with a poll showing that only 35 per cent could correctly identify a picture of Blackpool Tower. The rest thought was the Eiffel Tower, despite the presence of sea and sunbathers on a beach.

The finding was made more puzzling by the fact that 54 per cent considered Paris to be Europe's most romantic city. Perhaps their visits to the French capital were too occupied with romance for them to develop a closer know-

ledge of the sights. The travel company Insight International Tours an-nounced the figures from a random sample of 500 men and women. Italy was voted the best European country for an escape holiday, with the backing of 51 per cent. Less than half knew that the leaning tower of Pisa was in Italy, but 87 per cent correctly identified the country as the original home of the pizza.

On the basic geography of Europe's rivers, 39 per cent knew that the Seine was in

France, 36 per cent knew that the Rhine went through Germany and only 9 per cent could name the countries on the route of the River

When it came to politics, Tony Blair was recognised by 62 per cent of those questioned, Helmut Kohl by 21 per cent and Jacques Chirac by 17 per cent. The number of foreign

visitors to Britain has slowed perceptively over the past few months. The British Incoming Tour Operators' Association had predicted that the number of people coming to spend a holiday in this country would grow by around 9 per cent between April and June, but the actual increase proved to be no more than 4.5 per cent.

The average cost of a night in a luxury London hotel is now £212.26, producing an annual operating profit of £38,635 per room, according to the latest Horwarth hotels survey. The average price of a London room was said to be £103.56, against £43.30 for the rest of England.

who served in war

By ALAN HAMILTON

VJ-Day celebrations, marking the liftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in the Far East, have struck an unexpected chord with the British public.

A radio appeal by Lord Weatherill, the former Speaker of the House of Commons, for donations to help destitute old soldiers of the Indian Army who volunteered to fight for King George VI against the Japanese has raised £65,000 and the cheques are still coming in.

Lord Weatherill was speaking on BBC Radio 4's The Week's Good Cause. The BBC said yesterday that the amount was more than double the average raised by the radio appeal slot, which gives a platform to a different charity each week.

More than 2.5 million volunteers from what are now India, Pakistan and Bangladesh rallied to the Allied cause between 1941 and 1945; some 100,000 were killed or wounded and 31 won VCs, the highest number in any army. Lord Weatherill himself served for four years in the Indian Army. as a captain in the 19th King George V's Own Lancers.

The money is being distrib-uted by the British Commonwealth Ex-Services' League. the London-based charity of last resort founded by Earl Haig of Bemersyde in 1921 to make emergency payments to destitute Commonwealth vererans and their dependants who are not entitled to receive British Army pensions or

Lieutenant-Colonel Sam Pope, a former Royal Marine who will become the league's next secretary-general, said yesterday: "The response has been magnificent We are wading through 400 letters of support, many of them from retired Indian Army officers now living in Britain

But the need is great: the Indian veterans are now very old, ill and unable to work many are living in conditions of the greatest poverty and Mind and Matter, page II starvation in the slums of

MEMORIES of last August's Calcutta and they are suffering the effects of inflation in

Lieutenant-Colonel Pope said that they had hope optimistically for £30,000 from the radio appeal and had been astonished by the response. "Older people know what Commonwealth participation in the Second World War was all about. Perhaps the VJ celebrations in London last year brought it home to a younger generation," he said.

Among those who have already been helped by the appeal are Gopal Das, formerly of the Indian Artillery, who s now in his seventies and living under an outside staircase in Calcutta with the good fortune of access to a water tap. The league has given him a few pounds to buy food and oddments of clothing.

Another is Amiya Kaur, a former warrant officer in the Indian Women's Auxiliary Corps, who is now too old to work and relies on charity to support herself, a totally disabled sister and a mentally ill brother. The league believes that

there are nearly five million Commonwealth veterans or their dependants around the world - half of them on the Indian subcontinent. Last year it paid out nearly £200,000 in small grants to the most needy, but it fears that its limited funds may not see it through the next ten years. when it expects calls for help to be at their greatest.

Recently the league, whose president is the Duke of Edinburgh, applied to the National Lottery Charities' Board for £2 million, but was turned down on the ground that the money would have been spent abroad in contravention of lottery rules.

Now. however, the lottery has said that it will release 525 million in its next round of awards in January to be spent 🥬 on overseas projects. On be-half of a whole legion of destitute old soldiers of the King. Lieutenant-Colonel Pope will be getting in his application early.

Britain lends America an ear in the hunt for alien life

BY ANJANA AHUJA

United States in the hunt for alien life. Scientists at Jodrell Bank, site of the country's largest radio telescope, are holding talks with the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelliwhich wants to search the skies above Britain for alien radio signals.

The collaboration will widen the net in the hunt for other civilisations, which has been given added impetus by the evidence last week that primitive life may have existed on

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Professor Frank Drake, president of the SETI Institute at Mountain View, near San Francisco, said: "British scientists have always been rath-

BRITAIN is about to join the er conservative in their views

about extra-terrestrial life but they have a brilliant record in radio astronomy, so we are thrilled at the prospect of doing something together." He said that SETT researchwould visit Jodrell Bank,

in Cheshire, over several months to make observations with the 76-metre Lovell radio telescope. The incoming signals would be analysed to filter out Earth-based noise, such as from mobile telephones and microwave ovens. Andrew Lyne, professor of astronomy at Manchester University, which operates the

telescope, confirmed that ne-

entiations were under way.

The project would be likely to

take place within the next two

years, before a possible upgrade of the telescope in 1998. We would provide the telescope and sensitive receivers. and the SETI Institute would provide the expertise to look at the signals." Professor Lyne A joint project was mooted

ten years ago but, because the

technology was relatively basic, it was almost impossible to distinguish genuine alien sig-nals from terrestrial noise: Now scientists can sort the wheat from the chaff," he said. Professor Lyne agreed that the news about Mars last week had stirred interest in such projects: "Our raison d'être is to further research into the universe as a whole and the question of other



Jodrell Bank's expertise in radio astronomy will be combined with America's ability to analyse signals

civilisations is of great public interest. Now, possibly, the time is right."

Nasa first proposed the idea of combing space for alien signals in the 1970s. The greatest hope of a breakthrough came in 1977, when a mysterious signal was detected by scientists at Ohio State University, It was nicknamed the "Wow" signal after an the exclamation on a printout.

again nor explained satisfactorily, although scientists are sure it was of intelligent

Three years ago budget pressure led the United States Congress to withdraw funding from the search for alien lifeforms. The SETI Institute was set up as a distinct organisation with similar aims in 1984 and is financed by private

As well as being president of the SEII Institute. Professor Drake holds a chair in astronomy and astrophysics at the University of California, Santa Cruz. In 1960 he became the first astronomer to scan the skies for extra-terrestrial signals.

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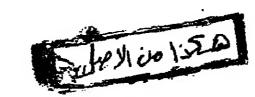
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Tory Euro jitters save duty-frees from dustbin of history

If you happen to be holidaying in Europe and have a few spare seconds when stuck in a duty-free checkout queue behind a line of tanned shopaholics with overflowing wire trolleys, try asking yourself a question Why does "duty-free" still exist?

Tracing

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Search me. The single mar-ket means — at the very least — abolishing tax frontiers on goods going to and fro in the European Union. Allowing travellers to buy tax-free perfume, whisky and tobacco in planes or the floating supermarkets otherwise known as cross-Channel ferries makes no sense at all Fixing "allow-



ances" for each traveller, as Britain does, piles lunacy on idiocy. Next time you watch customs officers unpacking the 800 cans of lager that a minivan driver claims he bought for "personal use", could be spending their time rooting out real crime such as heroin smuggling.

No one disputes that dutyfree is an anachronistic nonsense, not even the duty-free people themselves. "Duty and tax-free has no intrinsic logic," says the Duty-Free Confederation with brazen candour, before adding "but it works for the benefit of all."

The formidably well-focused confederation has outperformed most of its rivals in the arm-twisting stakes in Brussels by delaying the abolition of duty-free from the EU until 1999. Its lobbyists hope to push even that dead-

line away into the next century. The anti-Brussels mood inside the Tory Party helps. confirmed last month that duty-free would disappear three years from now to judge by the ensuing fuss, you might imagine that the mild Italian Commissioner. Mario Monti, had suggested abolishing the Union Jack, dynamiting the Houses of Parliament and putting up a

Trafalgar Square.
Tory MPs fulminated.
"Destruction of British interests," groaned Bill Cash. "Lunatic act of bureaucracy," rumbled his colleague, Sir

statue to Jacques Delors in

Gerard Vaughan. Only the chairman of the Tory hackbench finance commitice, John Townend, who happens to be a wine merchant. saw the point, "Phasing-out in the long term is probably a good thing," he said cautiously, "but it will be unpopular."

E ven Mr Townend has forgotten that a long-term phase-out was exactly what EU ministers decided back in 1992, when duty-free should have disappeared into the dustbin of history. Back in the 1980s a Conservative British Commissioner in Brussels, Lord Cockfield, thought politicians should

face up to a little unpopulari-ty for the sake of a principle, frontier-free trade, which Tories say they back.

Turn the pages of the 1992 edition of The Times Guide to the Single European Mar-ket and you will find two of my colleagues noting "Ev-eryone involved in the dutyfree industry accepts that abolition is merely a question

Airport and ferry shops were adapting. Dublin air-port was even then selling more black silk lingerie than most department stores in the city because the retailers had spotted that the men who bought it for wives and girlfriends spent a lot of time in airports but practically none

Duty-free began as a perk for sailors, allowed to buy cheap drink and tobacco to alleviate long, rough jour-neys. Around 200 years later, the UK industry sells £1 billion of goods a year and says almost three-quarters of that would be lost if the EU ended the system. The tax break given by the Government puts sales revenue in the pockets of airports: 40 per cent of all pre-tax profits in places such as Birmingham and Newcastle. So the Government is cross-subsidising

could more logically give a of shops in depressed areas such as Liverpool or the Isle of Wight. Airlines have been begging government for years to make arrangements which don't force them to fly heavy cargoes of flammable and unnecessary duty-free

alcohol in passenger jets.

The survival of the dutyfree industry is a testimony to the Government's terror of all debate about Europe - and holds it hostage to an industry so dyslexic that it couldn't read the writing on the wall.

GEORGE BROCK

Lebed seeks truce as thousands flee carnage in Grozny

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

ALEKSANDR LEBED, the Kremlin's security chief and newly appointed troubleshooter on Chechenia, flew to the Caucasus yesterday on a mission to end the worst lighting in Grozny in more than a year.

As fierce battles raged for a sixth day between thousands of separatist rebels and heavily reinforced Russian troops for control of the Chechen capital, there were concerns that the breakaway republic was on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe unless a ceasefire could be imposed.

Thousands of refugees from Grozny, many clutching white Dags, poured out of the city, braving sniper fire and renewed heavy artillery barrages in an effort to reach safety and search for desperately needed food, water and medical supplies.

In the shattered Chechen grapital repeated attempts by Russian forces to flush out the insurgents appeared to have made little headway, as casualty figures for the Russians climbed to as many as 200

dead and 800 injured.

During fighting yesterday the rebels claimed to have wiped out a column of Russian armour just outside the city, killing 150 soldiers. Witnesses

in the capital could not confirm the claim, but they did report that heavy street fighting was under way and that the rebels appeared to be digging in for a prolonged action. One report said that the Chechens had a free hand through large parts of Grozny and were even using captured Russian soldiers to build trenches and other defences.

Some military experts believe that the Russians are virtually in the same position as in January 1995, when they launched a month-long siege to force the rebels out of Grozny, an operation which left thousands dead and destroyed most of the city.

Reports from the region contrasted sharply with the official version of events in Moscow, where General Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, told parliament on Saturday that the "situation was difficult" but that "the initiative has passed to the federal forces".

incompetence prompted President Yeltsin to give a warning of disciplinary actions being taken against those in the security forces responsible for "gross miscalculations". The remark was a reference

The military's latest act of

to the dismal performance of Russian forces on the ground, who were taken by surprise in last week's rebel offensive. even though the assault had been widely expected to coininauguration on Friday.

Mr Yeltsin, who postponed his holiday to hold crisis meetings yesterday with top aides, first acted against Oleg Lobov, a long-time confidant. He was replaced as the Kremlin's representative on Chechenia by General Lebed. the gruff furmer paratrooper who has long advocated a peaceful settlement with the Chechens.

His mission appeared to get off to a good start since he won the backing of the Chechen rebel leadership and, possibly more importantly, the support of key figures in Moscow. Over the weekend, Viktor

Chernomyrdin, who was confirmed as Prime Minister by the Duma, the lower house of parliament, said the former paratrooper was the only man for the job. Lebed is a military man, he is used to tackling these sorts of problems," Mr Chernomyrdin said. I am sure that he will cope with the task. He simply must do this." Udugov. the



A Chechen fighter dashes between stalls at the central market in Grozny, where renewed fighting has raged for six days

Chechen separatist spokesman, was less enthusiastic, but said that the rebels would give him the benefit of the doubt. "If General Lebed fulfills his electoral promises, then we can only welcome him," he said. "We will do all we can so Russian state interests are preserved in the Caucasus and Chechenia and Russia get out of this war

Although in principle both sides would like to reactivate the Nazran agreement signed in June, which calls for a ceasefire and the gradual demilitarisation of the republic, the deal was easier said than done.

On his way down to neighbouring Dagestan yesterday. General Lebed must have known that by travelling to the seat of the fire he is taking

upon himself a dangerous mission. As several ministers, military commanders and top diplomats have already learnt to their cost, getting into Chechenia is much easier than getting out.

Dublin: The European Union has expressed serious concern at the situation in Chechenia and appealed to the Russian Army and separatist rebels to cease fire immediately. The Irish Government, current holders of the EU presidency, said the Union deplores in particular the ensuing civilian casualties and the suffering that a continua-

tion of the violence is causing to the Chechen people." It also called for measures to ensure the safety of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe assistance group in Chechenia. (Reuter)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rome air security 'is faulty'

Rome: Italian officials yesterday said that security at Rome and Milan airports was "of a high international standard" despite an Interior Ministry report which found that a large number of X-ray machines for checking hand baggage were faulty and outdated Richard Owen writes).

According to II Messaggero. security agents hid knives and handguns inside hand luggage, but the scanning ma-chines failed to detect them.

Rallies disrupted

Tuzia: Gangs apparently organised by the ruling Mus-lim party and backed by police disrupted opposition parties' rallies at Gradacac and Kalesija and forced the cancellation of one in Celic. (AP)

Peking offer

Hong Kong: China seems to be offering an olive branch to Hong Kong democrats by hinting they can join the selection process for the terri-tory's leader after Chinese rule restarts next year. (Reuter)

Seen and gone

Sofia: Granny Vanga, 85, a Bulgarian osychic whose prophetic powers won her admirers across the Balkans and beyond, died of cancer. Relatives said she had predicted the time of her death. (Reuter)

Diet puts extra life into Japan

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

THE Japanese are outliving the rest of the world largely due to a diet heavy in fish, seaweed and soyabean curd, supple-mented by Western food. The Health and Welfare Ministry reported

that last year's life expectazey for Japanese women was \$2.84 years, and for men was 76.36. The women took top place in the longevity charts for the and the men for a tenth

year ruuning. In longevity for women. Sweden came second at 81.38 years, followed by Hong Kong's 81.16 years. Sweden was also second in the men's league at 76.08 years and Hong Kong third at 75.84 years. Britain and the US were well outstripped by Japan.

Fatal Spanish campsite 'flouted building rules'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN BIESCAS

THE Spanish campsite in which 83 people were killed in a flash flood last week was illegally built, a newspaper El Mundo said yesterday

that Camping Las Nieves, near Biescas in northern Spain, "was situated in a place forbidden by law". A regional law prohibits the establishment of campsites in "dry beds of streams and rivers, or in any area susceptible to flooding". Camping Las Nieves was in the middle of the dry bed of the Aras stream, which overflowed last Wednesday washing people, tents, caravans and cars into the nearby Gállego river. Forty people are

still unaccounted for. The Green Party has called for the regional Aragón authorities to be prosecuted for negligence, as well as for legal action to be taken against the local water board, which owns

the freehold on the land where the campsite was built.

Under intense pressure from the press, Margarita Mariscal de Gante, the Minister for Justice, announced yesterday that the chief magistrate of Huesca, the province in which the campsite was situated, would begin his investigations "shortly".

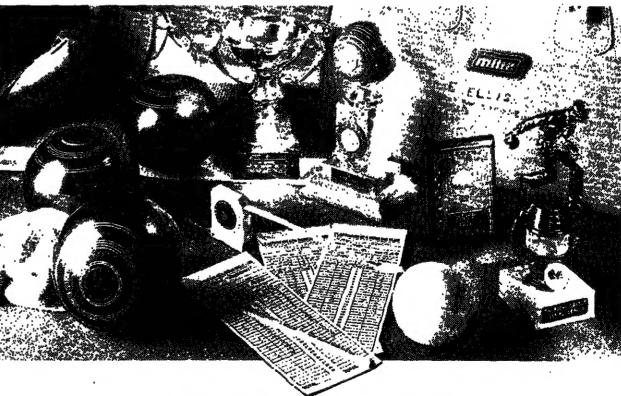
Rafael Zapatero, the coun-cillor for tourism of the regional administration, has sought to defend the siting by saying that "a flood of this intensity could happen in the area only once every 1,000 years, at most. However, in 1940 there was a flood of similar proportions in exactly the same place, in which a bus was washed

Other evidence is beginning to emerge, which could help survivors or relatives of the dead who wish to sue the regional government. The Ar-

agon High Court had in 1989 ordered a halt to the building of a campsite nearby, as it was deemed to be in an area of 'high risk". In spite of that decision, the regional officials chose not to revoke the licence of Camping Las Nieves, built

When the proprietor of Camping Las Nieves submitted his application for a licence in 1986, a geologist said that the site was unsuitable and recommended refusal, but his report was ignored by the

regional authorities.
The final piece of negligence would appear to be the failure by the regional authorities on Wednesday to alert the town council of Biescas, which oversees the campsite, of the firm warning it had received from the meteorological office of storms and extremely heavy downpours" in that precise



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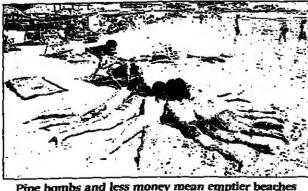
FROM RICHARD OWER

AS MILLIONS of Italians

yesterday began the annual exodus to the coast, police stepped up their hunt for the "Unabomber of the beaches". who has planted crude homemade pipe bombs inside furied beach umbrellas at Adriatic resorts near Trieste. The bombs have come at a

had time for the Italian tourist industry, facing profits well down on last year. Hoteliers are cutting prices to entice visitors to seaside and mountain resorts. Economic belttightening is leading to changing holiday patterns. with many Italians opting for summer in the city, enjoying traffic-free streets and redis-covering Italy's wealth of an

treasures. The Adriatic incidents are confined to a small area, and one of the bombs, at Bibione, failed to go off. But another exploded last week at Lignano, seriously injuring a sunbather. The Mayor of Lignano. Stefano Trabalzo. assured holidaymakers that



Pipe bombs and less money mean emptier beaches

his "golden sands" resort was "not Atlanta", a reference to the much larger pipe bomb that exploded during the

Olympic Games An estimated 15 million cars clogged the roads out of Italy's major cities yesterday as families marked the start of Ferragosto, the traditional mid-August break. But tourist authorities reported that bookings in many hotels and campsites were 20 to 30 per cent down on last year.

Utility companies confirmed domestic use of electricity, gas and water in urban areas was much higher than usual as people stayed put despite the heat. Some shops and restaurants which normally close, turning Rome and Milan into ghost towns,

The "Adriatic Unabomber" has certainly not helped. Newspapers yesterday carried pictures of police searching under beach deckchairs with metal detectors. One police theory is that the "mad umbrella dynamiter", as the Italian press has dubbed him, is a solitary campaigner against hedonism and capitalism's excesses in the mould of the American Unabomber. Police also fear "copycat" bombings after the discovery yesterday of hoax pipe bombs on beaches near Venice.

But the main reason for the change in holiday habits is economic. The new centre-left Government of Professor Romano Prodi, which took office in May, has begun to get a grip on the economy, reduc-ing inflation and the bduget deficit. But economists say the

"feel-good factor" has yet to take hold. Media reports that exces sive sunbathing can lead to cancer and infertility are also having an effect, as are reports that seawater quality at many of Italy's popular Mediterranean and Adriatic resorts fall below European Union environmental standards.

11 Messaggero yesterday predicted one positive sideeffect of the changing pattern. Normally, it said, "when city dwellers go away to relax, the burglars get to work".

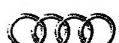
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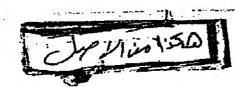
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Shearer upstaged as Double-winners claim Charity Shield

Cantona steals the thunder

Manchester United 4

Newcastle United0 By Rob Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF ALAN SHEARER is the most costly individual to walk the turf of legends, Eric Can-tona demonstrated at Wembley yesterday afternoon that he remains the most precious. For, while Shearer pined for the ball that seldom came, while Manchester United outpaced, outplayed and outwit-ted the pretenders from the North East, it was Cantona one-fifteenth the cost of the EI5 million Shearer - who inspired and led the Doublewinners to such an emphatic victory in the FA Charity

Shield One is tempted to say that here was an ordinary man, elevated by birthright and by his goals among Englishmen. competing against one who is extraordinary, who is French. and who reached yet again the extremes of wonderful touch and vision. Cantona might also have been sent off when his infamous temper erupted in the second half, but he received merely a yellow card for a physical assault on Philippe Albert that prefaced the turn from sunshine to a

glowering late thunderstorm. But how Manchester United proved their worth. It was not all about Shearer, and never could be. There is no point in possessing an idol, indeed in having £16.25 million of spare talents on the bench, if you are not a team. and from the start, as Newcastle groped for a pat-

tern, the other United were first into their stride, first to flow. They commanded midfield through Keane and Butt. At the back, May and Pallister stretched stride for stride with Shearer and Ferdinand.

And then there was Mr Irresistible: Cantona, a pariah at the beginning of last season. this time raising the curtain on the English season by shaking hands with Keith Wiseman and introducing the new Football Association chairman to

his colleagues. Early on there was potency from Newcastle's £21 million spearhead: Ferdinand, in par-ticular, bristled with powerful determination and, in the eighth minute, a delicate flick would have opened up the

Shearer was not yet on that wavelength. He read the invitation rather too late, and red shirts closed the door. It was scarcely to open again. In the 24th minute, Giggs, with won-derful insight, passed the ball between Newcastle's cumber-

tona. Srnicek came out to deflect the ball with his legs. Cantona was denied for 30 seconds. Like the Pimpernel he reappeared unseen on the other side of the penalty box and this time, prompted by Beckham, he controlled the ball at a touch, waited, and then coolly passed the ball beyond the stranded

some centre backs for Can-

goalkeeper.

again, as was Beckham, in a second goal four minutes later. The move swept half the length of the field as the ball flowed from Keane to Giggs and then to Cantona. He, audaciously, backheeled it to Beckham, whose control on

Simon Barnes Sharpe's move Shaky Celtic

the chest was polished and whose right foot then struck the ball across the face of goal for Butt, unmarked, to score with a flying header.

It was clear that, far from handing any of the serious silverware to their most ambiUnited did not even have the charity to allow Newcastle to dream seriously of taking

home this shield. For Shearer, growing more forlorn by the minute, it may have dawned that he had chosen wrong when he rejected Old Trafford in favour of St James' Park. Defiantly, he was to say that Newcastle would be all right, his implication being that they had lost the rehearsal but that the real season begins at Everton next Saturday. True enough, but all the euphoria of his chosen homecoming was to be further undermined when Manchester United came late

with two cruel goals. Before that, especially when

Asprilla injected some bril-liant if unorthodox individual flair to Newcastle, there had been fractuous interchanges. Not the least of these blackened Cantona's afternoon. In the 65th minute, Gary Neville had fouled Albert, and when they squared up. Cantona ran 15 yards to shake Albert by the back of the neck. Pandemonium. The Geordies were baying and even Cantona went red around the gills. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, feared the worst, but the referee, Paul Durkin, abdicated responsibility, flourished the yellow card, and allowed Cantona to remain as man of the match.

Five minutes from the end, Newcastle also abdicated the art of defence. They stood four square when Beckham was allowed to bear down on Smicek and lift the ball artfully over the goalkeeper. Three minutes later, Poborsky, the frisky Czech Republic winger, was fouled by Albert. Giggs placed placed the free kick superbly for Keane, and the Irishman's thunderbolt under darkening skies was too fierce

for Smicek to hold. It was that emphatic. Ferguson was able to say how well he had shopped around looking for summer bargains, and Newcastle retreated, wounded, to their monied haven in the North East.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — D Inwin (sub: G Neville, 48min), D May, G Patister, P Neville — D Beddwirn, R Keene, N Butt (sub: K Poborstey, 41), R Gigga — E Carrisona — P Scholes (sub: J Cruyll, 65).

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Shearer, Newcastle's £15 million man, is brought to earth as Cantona, right, scores the opening goal

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Boycott pitches his expertise on a perfect length

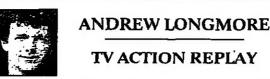
law of sport - let us Factor — that finds particular expression in baseball. It concerns the intentional walk, a ploy that is used by the pitching team to get rid of a potentially dangerous batter at a critical moment in the game. The pitcher will pitch four balls wide of the strike area, the batter will walk safely to first base and the new batter, statistically much weaker, will come to the plate and, according to all the numbers, fail.

But you and I know what happens next. Player B. the underdog, defies the odds and plants the ball into the tenth row of the bleachers to win the game. The losing

looks at his statistics, satisfies himself he did the right thing and retires to mastermind tomorrow's victory. Nowhere in his equations does it mention the Underdog Factor.
I tell you this partly

because there was a trace or two of the Underdog Factor at Headingley over the weekend and partly to demonstrate my growing under-standing of the absurdly complex sport of baseball. I have figured it all out for myself. with no help from American commentators. whose viewers have been weaned on double plays. sliders, curve balls, sacrifice flys, bunts and all the other impenetrable paraphernalia of baseball. Visiting English journalists do not register on the scale, but what about children, or those who have unaccountably missed out on their baseball education?
I tried to watch the BBC's

coverage of the second Test through the eyes of my American counterpart, someone with a broad understanding of the principles of the game but a hazy grasp of detail; a child's eye view, if you like. It is a difficult role to play, even more difficult for the producers to satisfy. Where do you pitch your coverage? Make it too simple and the educated watcher is insulted and switches off: presume too much and you risk losing the next generation of cricket lovers. Clearly, some pre-sumptions have to be made.



It would be a waste to ask Geoff Boycott to explain the different field positions, but with his little white pen he can explain why he thinks square cover should be brought up to gully when Atherton is batting against Wagar Younis. Boycott squiggles with his marker and I am wiser. I now know, for a start, where square cover and gully are, and I

might pick up that one of

Michael Atherton's favourite

strokes is the square drive, that occasionally goes in the air through gully (roughly the area of first base). One more drip of understanding in my American journalist's basin of ignorance.

It has taken time for television to work out its role as an educational sporting medium. For too long, commentary was a matter of explanation, expertise and, in the days of Tom Graveney and Bob Willis, too often a

was Uncle Tom's trademark quote. Technological advances in camerawork, including the "spin-cam" that allows you to see the seam rotating on the ball, draw the riewer into the game and encourage more imaginative use of its natural pauses. There is much more thought going on behind the camera.

Breaks in play are now filled with mini-features that might highlight a particular phase of play or slice of tactical thinking. On Saturday evening, when Nick Knight was facing Wagar, we were shown a split screen shot of Knight's twin legbefore dismissals by the same

looked out to me, but both batsman and bowler were alive to the memories. Ah. said my American viewer. so that is what he is trying to do. A big game is shaped by simple context a broad plain narrowed to a village green.

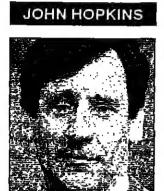
Richie Benaud has been teaching this sort of stuff for years, but more in the style of radio commentator. Now he has illustrations. Boycott has become less didactic, less prone to the brutish "this is the way we do it in Yorkshire. so there," type of summary. His bluntness still contrasts with the insouciant elegance of David Gower, and even more so with the studied chumminess of Test Match Special. but he no longer

head with his opinions. With such a well-matched

quartet - Lewis. Benaud, Gower and Boycott - no longer is it necessary for the sound on the television to be turned down in favour of TMS. Television is starting to explore its limits, to enrich and educate as well as excite. TMS has its moments, though, usually when Jonathan Agnew winds up Fred Trueman. So Fred, how would you compare Bradman and Boycott?" he asked innocently one afternoon. "If Boycott were on the pave-ment, Bradman would be on the top of St Paul's Cathedral." Ouch. Now, how do you explain that to my Ameri-

GOLF: MASTERS CHAMPION HIGHLIGHTS THE CAUSE OF HIS FOURTH-ROUND FAILURE IN KENTUCKY

Dejected Faldo swings out of control



At the US PGA Championship

A SEASON in which he won one major championship, threatened in another but played poorly in the other two can hardly be described as unsuccessful, yet Nick Faldo was less than happy with the form he had shown in major championships when he concluded his fourth round in the US PGA Championship here. Faldo's 73 was his second best of the week.

It was put into perspective by the fact that Faldo had finished his fourth round before the leaders had begun theirs. Russ Cochran, one of two left-handers, was leading the field. After 54 holes he was il under par, two strokes ahead of Mark Brooks and Vijay Singh and three ahead of Steve Elkington, the defending champion. Nick Price and Phil Mickelson. A 69 in the third round enabled Jesper Parnevik to move to seven under par, two strokes ahead of Per Ulrik Johansson, his compatriot, whose 66 equalled the old course record. Cochran set a new record with a 65 in

I think that nine under par will win." Faldo, whose fourround total of 291 was three over par, said. "This is a good course that played tough. It certainly beat me. I have a lot of work to do. I really struggled with my swing and my putting. From the fourth hole on the second day I was ten strokes back and after that I was pressing. When you try and make things happen they

don't. My swing has been off." Aggression had been Faldo's watchword all week but for one who is not naturally inclined to that form of play it takes some learning. "I was trying to speed up my putting," he said. "I would take one look at the target and get on with it. The first thought is usually the correct

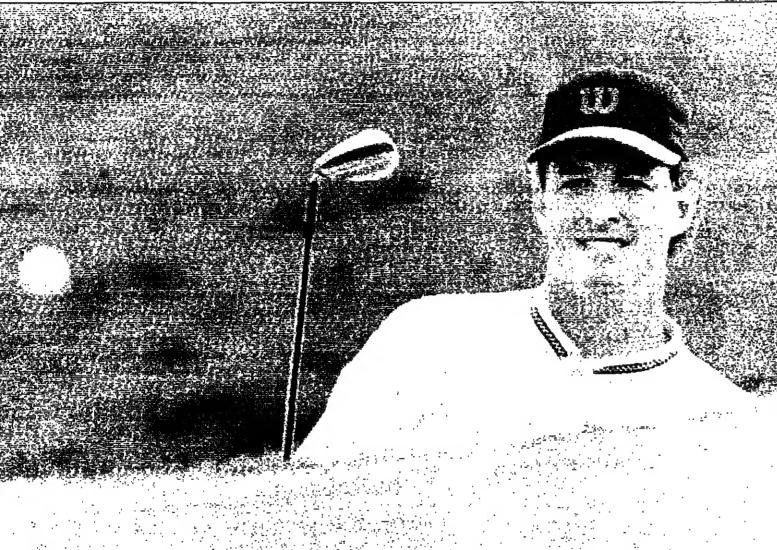
Memories of the thrilling victory in the Masters remained clear in Faldo's mind as he began what could be

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Cochran, the tournament leader after three rounds, clears his ball from a deep bunker on the 18th hole at the Valhalla course in Louisville

described as the last third of the season. The January to April stretch is the first third, concluding with the Masters. The second third comprises the US Open, Open and US PGA, the last two of which fall

too close together. This year, there were only two clear weeks between the final strokes at Lytham and the opening strokes at Valhalla. From mid-August to November is the final segment of the season, including events in Japan, the Dunhill Cup and World Matchplay in Europe.

"I started off great this year," Faldo said "but I did not play well in the US Open and although I had chances in the Open I did not take them and I did not play well here." He flew to Denver, Colora-

do. last night for some trout fishing and to compete in a tournament later in the week and will play in the World Series. His only appearance in Europe for the rest of the year will be at the Lancome Trophy in Paris next month, missing the World Matchplay tournament.

Faldo's relentless consistency in major championships set

McGinley collects first victory

PAUL McGINLEY, of Ireland, produced a second four times in previous Tour events. He splendid last round of 62 to win the Hohe Brucke Austrian Open in Litschau yesterday and gain his first success on the PGA European Tour.

McGinley was eight shots behind the overnight leader, Juan Carlos Piñero, of Spain, when he began the day but he scored II birdies to finish on 269, 19 under par, to beat Piñero

and David Lynn, of Trentham, by one shot. McGinley, who won £41.660, had finished said: "I have been so close so often I knew my time had to come.

"I know how Piñero must feel after threeputting the 17th and my heart goes out to him. He led the field by three shots at the start today and then shot a one-under 71. He didn't lose the tournament I won it.

"When I shot 73 in the first round, I thought I had blown my chance of winning. But I shot 20 under par for the last three rounds."

Colin Montgomerie's failure in the past two in stark contrast. Monigomerie has missed more cuts in major championships in one month than Faldo has in 12 years petulance? Montgomerie's failure to reach the fourth rounds at

US Open and the 1980 US After two such performances Montgomerie is about to be toppled from his position as second in the world rankings. He must be a worried man, it will be interesting to see how he reacts to this loss of form. In his relatively-short

Lytham, and now here, equal-

ling Faldo's failure in the 1994

professional career - he turned professional in 1987 he has never experienced anything like it before. Will he face it with fortitude and forbearance or impatience and

If these are difficult days for Montgomerie, they are no less so for Ernic Els. of South Africa, and his thoughts can be only marginally more calm than Monigomerie's. Els, the 1994 US Open champion, has missed some golden opportunities to win major championships recently.

He opened up a three-stroke lead in the third round of the US PGA last year, only to throw it away with a fourth round of 72. one over par. Then he was even more culpable when a couple of wild tee shots near the end of his fourth round at Lytham last

month cost him any chance in On Saturday, Els had a nightmare, an eight-over-par 44 on his outward half that included a four-over-par eight and a two-over-par seven on consecutive holes. To play the next eleven in level par at a time when his mind must have been racing probably represented a triumph for Els. A 144 yesterday added a measure of respectability.

THIRD-ROUND

SCORES

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Fischer nets prize after stroke of luck.

GLENEAGLES was at its glorious best for the final round of the inaugural Mc-Donald's WPGA Championship yesterday and there was some sparkling golf to match as the lead passed through a bewildering number of grips before Tina Fischer, of Germany, secured her maiden

victory with a birdie at the last. Fischer, a 25-year old from Frankfurt, did not like the seven-iron she hit to the 439yard, par five 18th, but it came to rest 10 feet from the hole -"It's the best mishit I've eyer had," she said - and, having studied the leaderboard from under her mass of dark hair. she took two putts, to finish with a round of 69 and a total

of 278, ten under par. It left her one shot ahead of Loraine Lambert, Trish Johnson, Charlotta Sorenstam and Helen Wadsworth, one of the overnight leaders, who was also nine under with one hole

Wadsworth, an elegant Welshwoman with expensive tastes and an eye for a designer label, had dropped three shots in the first two holes, but three successive birdies from the short fifth restored her equilibrium. At one stage, up to a dozen players were within touching distance of the lead. Wadsworth moved ahead on her own with a brace of birdie threes at the 13th and 14th but missed the green at the 15th, to drop back to the logiam at

nine under. At the 18th, where eagles were nearly as common as pars. Wadsworth hit a poor three-iron to the front of the green, some 35 yards short of the pin. A monster putt, of more than 100 feet, is not one a player would choose to face when she needs to get down in two to force a play-off, and Wadsworth duly took three putts after leaving her first effort 12 feet short. In a Freudian slip, the putter fell out of the bag as Wadsworth's caddic left the green and the crowd had to call him back to

collect it. The sympathy went to Wadsworth, but the glory and the first prize of £22,500 went to Fischer, a landscape architect, who three-putted only once in 72 holes. Her sole faux pas of the week was in suggest that the 13th green on the King's Course might not pass muster by today's design standards. At the time, Fischer did not know that the hole was called Braid's Brawest because it was the favourite of James Braid, who designed

By PATRICIA DAVIES the course, but she was soon Next year, the defending

champion will be playing for a purse of £300,000, double this year's amount. The aim of the championship is to raise the . status of women's golf in Europe - and money for children's charities. More than £200,000 was raised during the week and more than 30,000 spectators turned

> rupted by torrential rain. Out in 31, six under par, before the rain, Alison Nicholas, winner of the Irish Open two weeks ago, was terrified the round would be washed out, but it was not and she established a course record of 65, seven under par. She finished tied for sixth place on eight under par after a final round of 68.

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FINAL SCORES

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Hartis (SA), 73, 72, 72, 79, 78

The leading Scot and the leading amateur were combined in the person of Mhairi McKay, playing in her first professional event. She fin-ished with a round of 68 for a total of 283, five under par.

It was a more mixed week for Laura Davies, the world No i, who ran up a couple of sevens in the early rounds - one of them included an air shot when she dropped out of a bush into a hole - but had five birdies in a row, starting at the fourth, yesterday. She also eagled the last, for a 67 and a total of 287.

That earned Davies enough to take her to the top of the European order of merit and meant that she once more ruled the money lists on both sides of the Atlantic - for a few hours at least. She has won \$626,491 (about £412,00) in official prize money but Karrie Webb, second with \$597.045 (about £392,000), was leading a tournament in Massachusetts after three rounds.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS HOLIDAYS

Ireland pair sweep to a record third world title

BOWLS

By GORDON ALLAN

PHILLIS NOLAN and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, won the women's world pairs championship for a record third consecutive time at Learnington Spa on Saturday, beating Jean Jones and Sylvia Syvret, of

"Not even the men have achieved that in their championships," Johnston said. "It was a difficult final and Jersey played really well. I struggled for line and length a lot of the time." Nolan and Johnston play together only in the world championships and admit that they do not always gel on the green. Syvret was also on the losing side four years ago, at Ayr.

when Mavis Le Marquand was her Jersey led 7-1 and 15-13 but Ireland edged ahead and stayed there. Syvret gave the shot away on the penulti-mate end, and missed a chance of three on the 21st, which would have

forced an extra end.
Fiji beat South Africa 28-17 to take the the bronze medal.

In the triples, South Africa won the gold medal. Jannie de Beer, Barbara Redshaw and Hester Bekker defeating Gordana Baric, Margaret Sumner and Daphne Shaw, of Australia, 19-12. Successive counts of four on the thirteenth and fourteenth ends turned the game South Africa's

England lost the bronze medal play-off to Wales, with Ann Suther-land, Judith Wason and Betty Morgan overcoming Wendy Line, Jane Baker and Mary Price 17-14.

Johnston opened the defence of her singles title yesterday with victories over Jean Joubert, of Namibia, 25-8. and Matimba Like, of Zambia, 25-5. Wendy Line, of England, beat Judy Howat, of New Zealand, 25-16 after trailing 148 but then lost 25-12 to

Merle Swerdow, of Israel. In the fours, England made a bad start, losing 30-10 to South Africa and 19-15 to Israel, but Japan won their first game of these championships. beating Argentina 22-16.

EQUESTRIANISM

Grandstand finish by bold Macken

EDDIE MACKEN provided his home crowd with a thrilling finale to the Dublin Horse Show yesterday when he pipped Robert Smith, of Great Britain, in the Kerrygold Grand Prix.

Macken, 46, snatched victory with Schalkhaar as he finished fractionally quicker than Smith, who also rode Tees Hanauer to a clear round, but both would have been overhauled by Peter Charles, another of the Irish riders, if he had not hit a fence with La Ina in clocking the fastest time of

the three-horse jump-off.

Macken produced a grandstand finish going last of the three as he clipped 0.06sec off Smith's pacesetting clear round in 40.96sec. Charles, winner of the Kerrygold Challenge on Saturday, who was second to go, was almost a second faster than Macken but his one error left him in third place.

Gerry Mullins won the speed championship earlier in the day on Millstreet Ruby.

CYCLING

Wild-card entry helps fuel British ambitions

GREAT Britain has been given a late wild-card entry into the 145-mile Leeds Classic next Sunday, the seventh round of the season's World Cup competition, in which Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, the winner of the Tour de France, and his compatriot, Rolf Sorensen, the Atlanta Olympics silver medal-winner, are among the

120 entries.

Mick Morrison, director of Team Ambrosia, confirmed yesterday that his squad will be among the 15 trade teams competing after a last-minute

invitation at the weekend.

"We have had to pay a £3.500 registration fee to the international cycling union to confirm the entry but I am delighted for the team," Morrison said. They were only formed this year but they have done so well." Morrison has made a surprise

addition to the team, calling up Matt Stephens, whose eighth place in last year's World Amateur Championship road race qualified Britain for the Atlanta Games but, ironically,

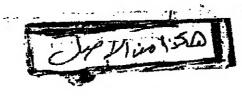
failed to gain him selection for the

The Team Ambrosia line-up for the world cup race is: Stephens, Rob Hayles. Dave Williams, Mark Mc-Kay. Tim Hall and Gary Thomas, with Rod Ellingworth as reserve. Chris Boardman, preparing for the

World Track championships in Manchester at the end of the month, leads his French Gan team in the Leeds race and Sean Yates, who plans to retire at the end of the year. will be riding in support of Max Sciandri, the Anglo-Italian, who won

last year's race.

Andy Wilkinson, holder of the Land's End to John o'Groats record and the British 100-miles time-trial champion, broke the 13-year-old 100mile record yesterday by four minutes when he set a new best of 3hrs 27min 39sec, to win the Westerley RC event at a near average speed of



MOTOR RACING: ENGLISHMAN'S POOR START GIVES VILLENEUVE THE CHANCE OF A THRILLING FINISH TO THE SEASON

Hill struggles to unpick championship gridlock

DAMON HILL turned the Hungarian Grand Prix into a 77-lap act of atonement here yesterday but it would not forgive him his original sin. In vain, he pushed himself to the limits to try to wipe out the advantage he had handed to Jacques Villeneuve at the start, and in the heat and the dust of the Hungaroring the young Canadian dragged the destiny of the world drivers' champ-

ionship back into the melting

Villeneuve's victory and Hill's fighting second place clinched the constructors' championship for Williams in the most emphatic way but it reduced the Englishman's lead over his team-mate in the race for the drivers' title to 17 points, with four races remaining. The rest are out of the running; there are just the two of them now,

Hill remains the strong favourite, of course, not least because he hurried away from the circuit, heading for a promotional trip to Bulgaria, rightly refusing to be downa cast by a gritty, unrelenting performance that lacked for nothing save his speed off the starting grid. "I hate losing in any circumstances." he said. but if I could ever be satisfied with second place, it is probably today."

Yesterday's result, though, adds a tantalising air of unpredictability to the remaining quarter of a season that had once seemed likely to provide only a prolonged coronation party for Hill. He can no longer wrap the championship up at Spa. Belgium, in a fortnight and it now seems likely the struggle will last at least to the penultimate race in Estorii, Portugal.

Head, the technical director at Williams, said, "I would rather be in the position of the man who has the 17-point lead. But if Jacques wins at Spa and say Damon has a mechanical problem, it would be down to seven points and that is nothing. Jacques has raised his game in the last few races and

"If I had to choose," Patrick

The race here was won and lost in the first few seconds as Hill made his third consecutive poor start and was enguifed by a stream of snarling

performance as Damon."

he is now in the same area of

OLIVER HOLT



At the Hungarian Grand Prix

rivals. The Ferrari of Michael Schumacher pulled safely away from pole position but Hill. starting alongside him on the front row, was overtaken by Villeneuve and the Benetion-Renault of Jean Alesi before the dip down and to the right at the end of the pit straight.

As Schumacher and Ville-

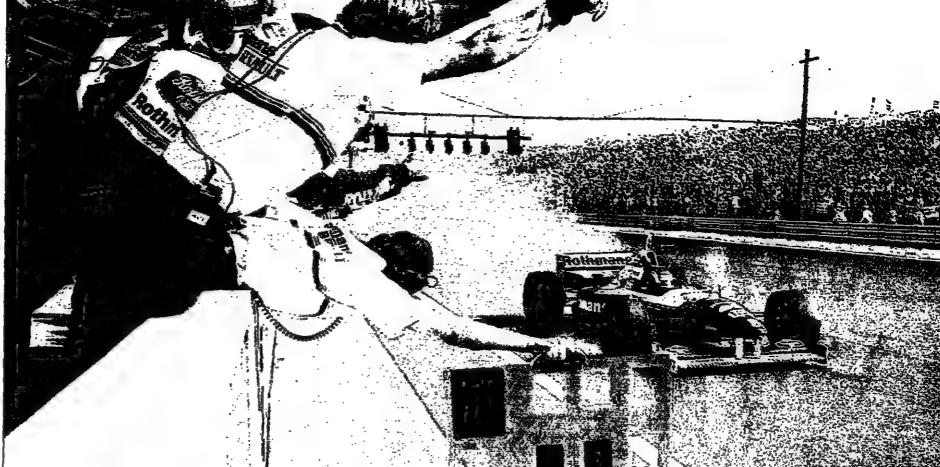
circuit, cutting huge chunks out of the times of the leading

Villeneuve, though, never gave him any real hope of victory. He did what he had to do, driving within himself until Hill reached him in the last ten laps of the race. By then Schumacher had been forced to retire with a throttle problem while running third and the two Williams drivers fought for victory right to the chequered flag.

When Villeneuve made his third and final stop, a wheel-

neuve tore off into the disrance. Hill was stuck behind the slower car of Alesi. By the time Villeneuve made his first pit stop after 21 laps, overtaking Schumacher in the pro-cess, he had roared to a 20sec lead over his team-mate. Hill made his own stop four laps later and emerged in fourth

place, behind Alesi once more. He refused to give up. though, and confounded the critics who accuse him of going to pieces when he is not in the lead, by forcing Alesi into a mistake on the 31st lap and overtaking him on a track where it is notoriously difficult to pass. From then on he was clearly the fastest driver on the



Villeneuve punches the air in celebration as he passes members of the Williams team in the pits after completing his victory in the Hungarian Grand Prix yesterday

nut cross-threaded and it seemed for a few seconds that he might be delayed long enough for Hill to hurtle past. The problem was solved just in time, however, and Ville-neuve darted out in front. From then onwards, Hill's only hope was a mistake from the Canadian. Villeneuve never made it.

Much of the post-race inquest centred on the start and the respective merits of handheld clutches, as used by Villeneuve, and foot-operated ones of the type used by Hill. "The way the clutch works does not suit me." Hill said. "I am working very hard to get Williams to provide me with one i can use.

"I was disgusted with my start. I have lost count of the number of times the start has cost me places on the first lap but it has got to be fixed. I lost the race in the first ten laps. It was just over. I was doing all I could but by the time I eventually got past Jean, Jacques and Michael were

long gone.
"When I came out after the first pit stop, I just could not believe it when Jean went past again as I was on the exit road. My heart sank. I thought,

Crikey, not another 25 laps behind Alesi, but fortunately he went wide and I slipped past him. The last few races are going to be thrilling for the

viewers now but tough for Jacques and 1." It was Villeneuve's third win of the season and perhaps his most impressive, given that he was not expected to be competitive on a circuit he had never driven on before and that is harder than most to learn. He was delighted by his victory but his eyes are on the bigge

"We had a comfortable lead in the constructors' champion-

ship anyway," he said. "But now it is decided. Damon and I can really fight it out. I was not really pushing for much of the race, but when Damon got close I started to push."

If the drivers' championship is still in the balance, though, Williams ended the hopes of their rivals in the unequal struggle for the constructors' title, equalling Ferrari's record of eight championships. They now lead Benetton by 90

"it's a brilliant team effort and I'm thrilled to bits about it." Frank Williams, the team

"Obviously, we want to keep him, but the good thing about

Keiron is he came to me and

said 'regardless of what you

might hear and read you've

got 100 per cent commitment from me'," McRae said.

for the Great Britain squad,

announced tomorrow, as in-

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Helens side for the autumn

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Cunningham is a certainty

DETAILS FROM BUDAPEST

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Herbert (GB, Sauber) 35; 14, E Invine (GB, Ferrari) 31; 15, P Larry (Por, Minardi) 24; 16, D Coulthard (GB, McLaren) 23; 17, J Verstappen (Holf, Footwork) 10; 18, M Brundle (GB, Jordan) 5; 19, P Dirlz (Br, Ligler) 1.
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Hill 1:20.093 (178 352 kph).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Hill 79pts: 2, Vileneuve 62; 3, Aless 35; 4, Schumacher 29; 5, Hakkinen 19; 8, Couthard 18; 7, Berger 18; 8, Pans 13; 9, Barnchello 12; 10, Irvine 9, 11, Frantzen 6; 12, Salo 5; 13 Herbert 4; 14, Brundle 3; squal 15, Verstappen and Dritz 1, Constructors: 1, Williams 141; 2, Benetion 51; 3, Ferrart 38, 4, McLaren 37; 5, Jordan 15; 6, Ligler 14, 7, Sauber 10; 8, Tyrrelf-5; 9, Footwork 1,

REMAINING GRANDS PRO: Aug 25; Belgian, Spa-Francorchamps; Sept 8: Italian, Monza; Sept 22: Portuguese, Estoni; Oct 13; Japa-nese, Suzuka.

MOTORSPORT

Biela puts himself on course for title

By MARK FOGARTY

FRANK BIELA, the World Cup champion, finally conceded yesterday that the Auto Trader British Touring Car Championship is his for the taking after scoring his seventh victory of the series, at Oulton Park.

Biela, of Germany, won the twentieth round of the 26-race series from pole position in his four-wheel drive Audi A4 after finishing a close second in the nineteenth round, extending his overall lead in the championship to an effectively unassailable 80 points.

He needs just one more win to clinch the title. "For the first time I agree that the championship is safe," Biela said. The next two races at Thruxton on August 26 are still important, but I'd like to win the championship there so that I can really try hard in the final two meetings of the

Biela's nearest rival for the title, Rickard Rydell, of Sweden, fell out of all but mathematical contention by foll-owing a distant fifth in the first race yesterday with an un-timely retirement from the second, caused by his Volvo 850 suffering a front suspen- sion breakage after colliding with the Vauxhall Vectra of John Cleland.

Rydell's failure to add significantly to his points tally places him in danger of being overtaken for second place in the championship by Alain Menu, who narrowly beat Biela in the first race in his Renault Laguna and was third in the second

Trailing Rydell by just two points, Menu, of Switzerland, has revived his chances of finishing runner-up for the

third year in a row. Biela, contesting the champ-ionship for the first time, has never been headed since winning the opening two races at Donington Park four months ago. He has continued to build on his early advantage despite the Audi, the only four-wheel drive in the field, receiving an additional 30 kilogramme weight handicap after winning five of the first eight

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RUGBY LEAGUE: EMPHATIC VICTORY AGAINST LOWLY PARIS PUTS TITLE WITHIN TOUCHING DISTANCE

St Helens close in on their pot of gold

Paris Saint-Germain 12

FROM CHRISTROPHER IRVINE

A RAINBOW stretched across the Charlety Stadium on a brooding, wet Parisian night. Beneath it, St Helens edged closer to their pot of gold by a display of model thoroughness, discipline and professionalism. They now have the Stones Super League title firmly in their sights and nothing, not even cussed opposition and cursed conditions, were going to deflect them on

Another noteworthy sporting feat of 1966 was St Helens's last championship and Challenge Cup double. Few would now wager against it being realised again. Consistency, a quality not always apparent in St Helens sides of the previous 30 years, is the main reason they are edging

His players gave a good account of themselves, but John Kear, the Paris coach, accurately summed up the difference by a description of St Helens's performance as "un-St Helens". "The pitch was saturated, but they adapted immediately, controlled the hall, and defended superbly." Kear said. "We asked the questions, but they answered the lot. There aren't the silly errors any more, nor extravagance for extravagance sake. They are totally one-eyed in terms of the championship,

and I think they're there."
The St Helens boat is not quite in yet. Wigan could have a say, provided they overcome and St Helens self-destruct against Sheffield Eagles 24 hours later. However, St Helens have survived their most sterling tests and, correctly. are adopting a heads-down policy. By maintaining their unbeaten home record in their final two games, they will

become champions. Should the Broncos go one better than their draw at Wigan in June, and the crowning ceremony is at Knowsley Road on Sunday, Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach. would happily settle for an earlier conclusion. No side has had it harder than St Helens.

whose year-round season, in the centenary championship, Regal Trophy final, Challenge Cup and the first summer Super League, is taking its toll fatigue and injuries.

Strength in depth was Wigan's secret and St Helens, seemingly, have realised its importance. Hayes, Hunte, Sullivan and Martyn, who have all had severely interrupted seasons, were woven seamlessly into the pattern in Paris. Haigh filled in for Newlove at centre with youthful authority, while the campaign stalwarts, Goulding, Cunningham, Hammond and

stout-hearted contributions. Importantly, there is the

personnel to see St Helens home, plus the will. McRae has had his critics about the defence being as vulnerable as it was before he arrived last January, but the Australian has added a mental toughness. Luck, inevitably, has played its part, but the team have got out of too many tight spots for them all to be down to good fortune.

The determination is embodied in Keiron Cunningham, even though the teenage

though quite what physical state they will be in by the end of the Premiership competihooker has requested a transtion in another month is a different matter. in a game of spot-thecrowd, the revelry was somewhat surreal. The good citizens of Paris had done their usual August flit south and left the Charlety Stadium to an army of travelling supporters. who turned an occasion on foreign soil into something of a home fixture. Sullivan was alert for his two tries and the others by Hunte, Perelini, Cunningham and Prescott were assured from close range. Bird and Bornati exploited rare gaps in either half for Paris, but in the teeming rain. St Helens supporters were singing long into of a few token Frenchmen.

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Hunte outpaces the Paris Saint-Germain defence to score the first try for St Helens Salford celebrate promotion by signing Platt

Salford Reds ... Keighley Cougars 5

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SALFORD enjoyed the upset of the season when they ended Wigan's eight-year winning run in the Challenge Cup. Yesterday, the club savoured a more tangible reward - the first division championship. and promotion next season to

the Super League. Keighley gave the home

been a procession since June, and following their victory in the meaningless Centenary championship last season, to place their hands on the trophy a second time in eight months and get their place among the elite was justice. In preparation. Salford are

already strengthening the side, with the acquisition from Auckland Warriors of Andy Plant. The former Great Britain prop is the first of several expected additions, although side, now unbeaten in 12 Andy Gregory, the Salford outings, one of their more coach, already possesses a

strong mix of young and experienced talents. To win the first division in successive seasons is a tremendous achievement, but now we've got to ensure we make an impression on the Super League, Gregory said.
The top flight will provide

far more onerous tests, but there is no denying Salford's spirit. For Keighley and Hull, who also want to be "fasttracked" in like South Wales, the battle is on for second place, in the hope that it might qualify them for a second hard work on the field. They are unbeaten in 16 league matches at home since Keighley won at the Willows II months ago. The Cougars might have threatened a repeat, had they not found new ways of fluffing tries. Not that Salford were going to have their big day ruined.

Rogers scored the first of four tries after excellent work by Hampson, the man of the match. Lee dropped a goal and Sini's first try, as he broke three tackles and stretched his legs over 60 metres, put Sal-

Salford are there by dint of ford in charge. They were and work on the field. They grateful for Dixon missing his conversion of Milner's try from in front of the posts, before the result was put beyond doubt by Forber charging clear for a try and Sini adding his second.

SCORERS: Sallord: Tries: Shri (Z., Rogers, Rorber, Goels: Balesley, Hampson, Dropped goal: Lee Keighley: Try: Milner SALFORD REDS: S Hampson: Fsrl, S Maylor, N McAvoy, D Rogers S Blakeley, M Lee: I Blease, P Edwerds, C Enclas, P Forber, I. Savelio, S Panaga, Subs: S Martin, P Mansson: A Burgess, C Randal (CBGHLEY COUGARS: K Decon; W Race, M Miner, A King, J Critchley: D Powel, C Robinson; S Pansons, P Carnillon, S Hall, D Fleery, S Whakarau, M Wood Subs: S Whay, D Larder, J Benry, G Cochrahe Rallarger, S Cummings (Widnes)

Brownless adds another silver to world medal haul

By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

ALISON BROWNLESS, 33, underlined her position as Britain's greatest ever oarswoman with another world medal at Strathclyde yesterday. She and Jane Hall, 22, the Redgrave and Pinsent of women's lightweight pairs, pro-duced a two-minute last 500 metres to overtake Romania and take silver behind the United States, the world champions. Brownless, who now holds one gold and five silver world medals, said: "I thought about settling for bronze, but I just couldn't do

Hall, at stroke, who already has one gold and three silver world medals, wound up the rate to 42 at the finish but it was not enough to catch the American pair. Hall, distraught when the duo failed to qualify for the Olympics in a double sculi, said: "At least we showed the Romanians we can play our game and win." She was referring to Camilia Macoviciuc, the Romania bow, who won an Olympic gold medal in a double in Atlanta. The Union Jacks were soon

waving again as the women's lightweight four - Malindi Myers, Trish Corless, Robyn Morris and Jo Nitsch almost exceeded the pair's example. Fourth at 1,000 metres, Nitsch, a veteran of the 1995 silver medal-winning four, steadily pushed the rate up from 37 to 41. Her crew responded, passing first Germany, then the American world champions, and were less than a second behind China at the line. But the successes of the

women were not mirrored by the senior men yesterday. Near misses came for the men's lightweight eight and the men's coxed four. The four, a crew of club oarsmen from Nottingham County, were very unlucky. Against the form as the slowest qualifiers in the final, Steve Trapmore, the stroke, drove his crew along in third place until the last stroke when Russia snatched the bronze by 0.2sec. medal sheet at a world championships and, by 5pm on Saturday, the audience was beginning to contemplate another unaccustomed whitewash. It took a Scotsman from Dumfries, Michael Martin, the rowing master at Abingdon School, to avoid the unthinkable. Martin is coach to the Britain junior eight, a composite crew with Martin's own Abingdon protegées. Ed Russell and Charles Pank, in the stroke and coxwains seats. But Romania and Germany

proved unbeatable. "Our win was to get a third place," Martin said. "We decided to change our race plan and put everything into the first 1.000 metres." They were still fourth at that point, just behind the United States, but an inspired third quarter got them through to third and they held on for bronze. The

Results

eights' medal softened the despair felt by the junior men's coxless four, Britain's lead boat, that was involved in a blanket finish where two seconds covered the top five crews. The disappointed British finished fifth.

The women's junior four moved through from sixth to fourth in the second half of their final, but never threatened a medal.

Fisa, the international governing body, outlined proposals at a congress last Friday to cut the number of rowing events in the world championship programme. If accepted at its February meeting, six rowing events would disapevent would be introduced. changing the balance of the programme to 12 sculling events and seven rowing

events. With most clubs in Britain based on rowing, the British view, backed by Germany, is that such changes should be more gradual. A meeting will be held with athletes and It is 14 years since the coaches in October to decide Britain juniors had a blank the British stance.

Sunday best keeps title hopes thriving

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by nine wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE seem to be doing their level best to emulate the bizarre achievements of Yorkshire in 1983 and Kent last year by winning the Sunday League while finishing bottom of the county championship.
Twenty-four hours after

they had slumped to their fourth successive championship defeat. Nottinghamshire looked a different side altogether as they turned the tables on Middlesex to register their fourth Sunday win on the trot to move into third place in. the Axa Equity & Law League

They still have Durham below them in the championship, of course, and they still have Northamptonshire and Surrey above them in the League, but it does look as though they are pouring all their energies into salvaging the £40,000 Sunday prize money from an otherwise

dismal season. Nottinghamshire's Jekyll and Hyde performances are epitomised by the form of their captain, Paul Johnson, When he was out for a duck on Saturday, it was the sixth time in eight championship innings that he had failed to get into double figures and he trudged off the field like a man carrying the cares of the world

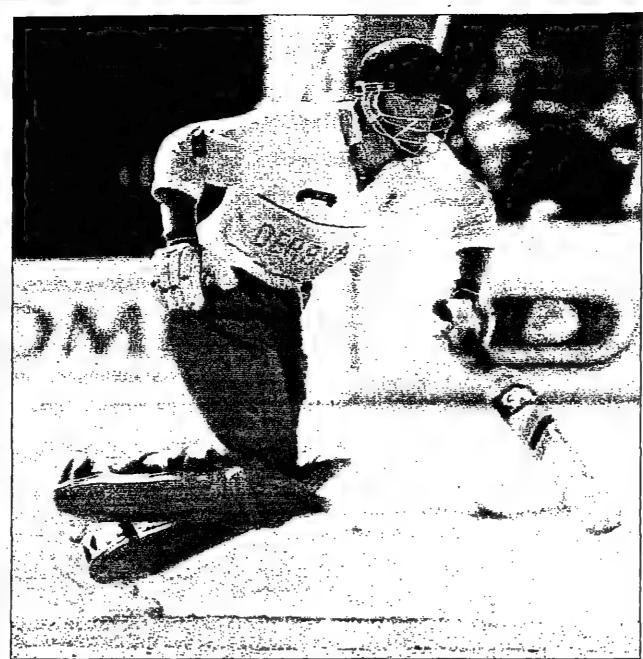
When he went in yesterday.

his side was cruising to victory in a match reduced to 32 overs by rain and he was back to his perky old self as he joined Robinson in an unbroken second wicket stand of 56 in ten overs which saw them home with 6.5 overs to spare. He is now averaging 54 in the Sunday League.

Middlesex, too, had undergone a strange metamorphosis. They had batted and bowled with great discipline to win their first match under Mark Ramprakash's captaincy by an innings but, for some reason, Saturday night and Sunday morning in Nottingham had produced a listless side which never got out of first gear after their innings had been interrupted by a heavy shower after only ten

· Johnson had put them in with an eye on the weather but the threatening clouds offered no excuse for the way they played. Weekes was bowled in Evans's third over and then Pooley committed the cardinal sin of running out his captain. Pooley took Ramprakash by surprise by calling for a second run to long leg and he was left stranded when Noon, the wicketkeeper, took Evans's return and threw down the

stumps at the bowler's end. Pooley did not last much longer himself and it was left to the precocious Shah, 17, to give the Middlesex innings some substance by sharing successive stands of 39 and 38 with Carr and Brown, Shah, who is already a member of



Chris Adams, the Derbyshire batsman, makes the running on the way to a half-century during the AXA Equity & Law League match against Sussex at Hove yesterday. Sussex won on faster run rate

the England under-19 side, had made a big impression by scoring 53 on his championship debut and now he played

He had made 38 off 57 balls, hitting only two fours but running brilliantly between

this time he had only himself to blame. He played Bowen straight to mid-on and, perwith an urgency that was lacking in his seniors. haps forgetting in his youthful enthusiasm that Tolley is lefthanded, was beaten by a

The Nottinghamshire attack, sadly lacking penetration the wickets, when he became

the second run-out victim and in the first-class game, bowled tidily enough for this sort of cricket and Cairns, cutting down his pace to concentrate on line and length, cleaned up the tail to finish with 4 for 22. The rest was a formality.

of more than 6,000 runs on

Robinson is an old hand at this kind of thing as his record

Sundays proves, and for the second week in succession Dowman was a thoroughly competetent ally. They had put on 83 in 16

overs when Dowman pulled Fraser to square leg. By then, Middlesex were dispirited and Robinson and Johnson

Aggressive Cowdrey turns tide in Kent's favour



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NORTHAMPTON (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat North-amptonshire by four wickets

By SIMON WILDE

A BRILLIANT half-century from 34 balls by Graham Cowdrey carried Kent, the defending AXA Equity & Law League champions, to an exciting victory with eight balls to spare over Northamptonshire. who before the match topped this season's league table, at Northampton yesterday. The result threw open the league race but Kent, despite this win, have only a small chance of retaining their title.

When Cowdrey, who has lost his place in Kent's championship side, came to the wicket they were 141 for four. needing a further 94 from 11 overs. It was a tall order in poor light against a disciplined Northamptonshire attack, with Capel in the midst of an excellent spell that brought him the wickets of Hooper, Fleming, Ward and Llong, But Cowdrey struck the ball with power and intelligence and with the promising House, playing in his third match in this competition.

added 56 in six overs. Taylor took the brunt of the punishment, three of his overs yielding 38 runs and even Emburey could not strangle the life out of the Kent innings as he had in the Benson and

Hedges Cup quarter-final tie between the teams in May. Cowdrey struck one six and six fours in his unbeaten 52, which occupied 36 balls. Equally valuable to Kent's cause was Fleming's 72 from 74 balls which gave his side the sort of brisk start they needed. He should have been caught when 29 but Ambrose but down the chance on the mid-wicket boundary.

With Walker, he saw 58 put on for the first wicket and with Hooper 48 in seven for the second. But when Capel dismissed Hooper and Fleming in the space of three overs Northamptonshire came right back into the game. Fleming earlier took three

wickets to take his league tally for the season to 26. The first, that of Loye, broke a promising opening partnership with his first ball but his other wickets were of less importance and his bowling was more expensive than Kent would have liked.

Kent appeared to have gained an important advantage by winning the toss and fielding first but the anticipated rain never came. The threat of it, though, kept the home side on their toes, none more so than Penberthy and Walton, who shared a rousing stand of 88 between the 26th and 37th overs at a tenion that increased as the skies dark-

one six and Hooper for two (one deftly caught by a spectator) during a fine 70 from 55 balls that was his highest score in the league, but he should never have got beyond 30, Willis making poor use of his gauntlets by missing him off a simple skyer. He finally fell to a brilliant running catch on the boundary by Llong, whose sharp work also led to the running out of Capel.

Penherthy hit Fleming for

Walton's innings of 40 occupied 4t balls and Northamptonshire's other main contributor in a total of 235 for seven was Montgomerie, whose 66 off 76 balls was his third half-century in four Sunday league innings.

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to stay in title hunt

EDGBASTON (Durham won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat

SAY what you like about the AXA Equity & Law Sunday League, they love it in Birmingham, Jazzed up by a PA announcer, who makes the average circus ringmaster appear sorto voce, the crowd cheered all Warwickshire's good deeds and some of the opposition's. Yesterday, they had every incentive as Warwickshire steam-rollered over Durham, despite reaching only a modest 187 in their own

That Warwickshire are still in the race for the title handily placed as the teams round Tattenham Corner owed much to two bowlers. One of them, Shaun Pollock. distinguished himself with the bat, playing the innings of the day. The other, Gladstone Small, wrecked Durham's chances with three wickets in mid-innings which, with the aid of Neil Smith, saw them lose four wickets for 13 runs after looking on course at 45

for two. Small finished with four for 14 in eight overs. By the time he had finished. Durham were 88 for seven and it was all over bar the shouting. Durham do not win too

many matches and their total of 99 was some way below their previous lowest in this competition - 105 against Glamorgan. This was especially disappointing, coming as it did after a good perfor-mance in the field having sent Warwickshire in to bat. In Roseberry's absence. Simon Brown was leading Dur-

ham for the first time. He

deployed his resources well.

His field placing succeeded in

containing all the Warwickshire batsmen except Pollock and, all too briefly, for a sizeable Edgbasion crowd. Dominic Ostler, who was straining at the leash when Boylin pierced his defence after first tying him down. Boylin and Saggers conceded only three runs an over and

they took four wickets between them. Nubody else came near them for accuracy.

After Brown had taken the wicket of Smith, trying one lefted drive too many, it was Saggers who rocked Warwickshire early on. He brought one back to Moles and bowled him comprehensively and later uprooted Wasim Khan's middle

stump with a beauty.
With four good wickets
down for 87 and only 13 overs left. Warwickshire were in dire need of salvation. It came in the shape of Pollock, who illustrated the benefit of clean. straight hitting - as opposed. for instance, to the ugly reverse sweep which saw the demise of Dougle Brown, against Boylin, after he had promised much more.

Pollock's 56 came from only 55 balls. He was denied more than a solitary four, but scored from most balls he received and succeeded in elipping Simon Brown for six over mid wicket and over long-off immediately after reaching his half-century.

Doubtless this gave him

more pleasure than the two wickets with which he helped to finish off the hapless Durham batting. Two slick runouts added to Durham's woes. the more important of these being a brilliant throw from Penney which ran out Campbell with only one stump at which to aim.

Warwickshire win | Surrey stay on track for title hat-trick

BY IVO TENNANT

ALTHOUGH their AXA Equity & Law League match against Lancashire at Okl Trafford yesterday was affected by the weather. Surrey nevertheless managed to go to the top of the table. There was a further reason for this, other than Lancashire being unable to come close to reaching their revised target. Northamptonshire, who held a two-point lead over them at the start of play, were beaten by Kent, the

Not that Surrey's batting was particularly memorable. Shahid that most useful of cricketers, made a half-century off 82 balls, but there were few other contributions of note. Chapple took three wickets for 29 at a lively medium pace, ensuring that his side's target was within their compass. Then it rained. The requirement became 182 in 36

overs, which proved to be quite beyond Lancashire. Benjamin took two early wickets and Martin Bicknell collected three in all. Other than an innings of 33 by Speak, the batting fell away. ancashire, it was true, were without Atherton and Crawley, who were involved across the Pennines, but this collapse said something about why they are not in contention for this particular competition this year. For Surrey, who needed an Australian to galvanise them — nobody else but Dave Gilbert could — this

be theirs. There was an equally straightforward victory for Somerset, who heat Essex by eight wickets at Taunton in a match reduced to 32 overs a

is proving to be quite a

season. Three trophies can yet

century that included six fours, but the important innings was played by Bowler. the acting captain, who was unbeaten with 68 when victory was achieved with seven balls to spare. For Essex, for whom Irani batted in his customary ebullient vein, there will be solace to be found in Colchester week. which is imminent.

This was their ninth defeat in 13 Sunday League matches. They did not have the best of fortune yesterday, losing Hibbert, their new opening batsmen, with a hand injurafter he had scored eight. But they cannot always rely on Gooch, who says he will decide in the next three weeks whether to continue playing next year, to carry their

their third successive defeat. heaten by Leicestershire at Swansea in a match reduced to 35 overs a side. A target of 219 was always likely to be difficult to obtain on a turning pitch, and so it proved. Brimson and Macmillan, the two spinners, exploited it well. Leicestershire's victory also owed much to a partnership Smith and Maddy for the lifth

At Hove, Sussex defeated Derbyshire on a higher run rate in another match affected by rain. Greenfield played the match-winning innings here. could not compare with Adams for pugnacious stroke-play. He finished with an unbeaten 38. At Southampton, Hampshire's match with Gloucestershire was abun-

doned without a ball being

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE R T Robinson not out M P Downan c Shah b Fraser "P Johnson not out Edina: (85.6, w 9, rdb Q Total (1 wkt, 25 1 overs) FALL OF WICKET 1-83

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League Glamorgan v Leicestershire SWANSEA (Laicestershire won toss) Lecestershire (4pts) be a Glamorgan by

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B F Smith b Hemp
G I Macmilian c Gibson b Dale
A Habb st Shaw b Cusker
D L Maddy c Maynard b Gibson
tP A Ninon c Hemp b Gibson D Williamson not out Extras (lb 5, w 12, nb 3) Total (7 wkts, 35 overs) ...

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A W Evans b Ormond
H Morris c Habib b Macmillan
M P Maynard c Simmons
b Macmillan P A Cottey low b Brimson
D L Hemp & Habib b Brimson
A Date low b Wells
O D Gibson st Nivon b Brimson Extras (#b 5, w 8, nb 13)

Lancashire v Surrey OLD TRAFFORD (Surrey won loss): Surrey (4pts) beat Lancashire by a higher run rate

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B C Hollicake not but Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)

R M Pearson and J E Benjamin did not

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N J Speak b B C Holloake
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BOWLING Benjamin 8-1-22-2, M P Bicknell 8-1-25-3 Pearson 5-0-23-0, Julian 5-0-23-1, B C Holitoeke 3-0-17-1, 4-14-17-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18

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J E Embursy not out

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tD Ripley, CEL Ambrose and J P Taylor did not bet FALL OF WICKETS 1-64, 2-93, 3-109, 4-123, 5-211, 6-213, 7-235 BCWLNG: Headley 8-0-40-1, Wren 8-0-35-0, MrCague 8-0-64-0, Fleming 8-0-55-3 Hooper 8-0-41-2

KENT M V Fleming b Capel M J Walker b Emburey C L Hooper low b Capel *T R Ward b Capel Liong c Ripley b Capel G R Cowdrey not out W J House a Ripley to Ambrose tS C Willia not out Extras (b 1, b 7, w 6, nb 10) Total 16 wkts, 38,4 oversi ...

M J McCague, D W Headley and T N FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-106, 3-128, 4-141, 5-162, 6-218 BOWLING Ambrose 7 4-0-28-1, Taylor 8-0-67-0, Emburey 8-1-37-1 Curran 2-0-24-0, Capel 8-1-44-4, Snape 5-0-28-0 Umpres VA Holder and B J Meyer

Nottinghamshire v Middlesea

TRENT BRIDGE (Notinghamshire loss)* Notinghamshire (4pts) Middleger by nine wickets

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O.A. Shah run sul
tK.R. Brown b. Evans
N.P. Durch e. Evans b. Tolley
J.P. Hewitt flow b. Carris.
R.L. Johnson not out
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J J B Leven; b Ken!
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A P Grayson c Tump b Lee
S J W Andrew not out
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J Turner, G.D. Rose, J.I.D. Kerr and H.R.J. Trump did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-95 BOWLING Andrew 4-0-16-0, flott 6-0-22-0 Such 7-0-30-0, Irani 2-0-16-0, Grayson 7-0-37-1, Law 4-5-0-29-0 Umpires: G I Burgess and T E Jesty

Sussex v Derbyshire HOVE (Derbyshire won loss) Susses, (4pts) beat Derbyshire by a higher run

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C J Adams not out
G A khan b Salisbury
T J G O'Gorman b Salisbury
P A J DeFreitas c Moores b Kinley Total (5 wkts. 40 overs) ... G M Roberts, M J Vandrau, D R Womble

FALL OF WICHETS, 1-66, 2-96, 3-107, 4-147, 5-154 90 No. 10 SUSSEY.

DR Law not out ... Edras (to 6, w 3, nb 4) . Total (5 wkts, 33 5 overs) ... tP Moores TD K Saltsbury V C Drakes, ESH Goldins and RJ Kirlley did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-31, 3-104, 4-

BOWLING DeFreitas 8-1-34-1 Dean 8-0-34-1, Vandrau 4-0-27-0, Roberts 8-0-49-2: Barnett 2 5-0-21-1, Womble 3-0-29-0 Umpres B Ductesion and R Paimer. Warwickshire v Durham

EDGBASTON (Durham won loss) Warwickshire (4pts) best Durham by 88 WARWICKSHIRE A J Moles b Saggers N M I. Smith c Walker b Brown N M P, Smith c Watter b Brown .
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D R Brown few b Boiling
T L Penney law b Filtern
S M Pollock c Collingwood b Brown
W G Khan b Saggers †M Burns r, falleen b Brown A F Giles not out Estras (b.J. lb 7, w 5, nb 2) Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) . T A Munton did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-18, 2-19, 3-67, 4-85, 5-109, 6-118, 7-176, 6-180.

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-7, 2-23, 3-45, 4-46, 5-58, 6-58, 7-80, 8-88, 9-88 BOWLING, Peliock 6-1-17-2: Munion 6-0-20-0, Smith 8-0-21-1; Small 6-3-14-4; Giles 4 4-1-11-1. Umpires: J D Bond and G Sharp.

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Worcestershire v South Africa A WORCESTER (third day of four) Worcestershire, with four second-in-nings wickets in hand, require 212 runs to best South Africa A SOUTH AFRICA A: First innings 202 (J B Commins 61, B E A Preece 4 for 79, P

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M W Phingle c Rhodes b Thomas

G Smith b Thomas

G Gilder c Rhodes b Presos

P R Adams not out Entras (to 14, w 3, nb 18) Total ...

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-11, 3-76, 4 87, 5-96, 6-114, 7-185, 8-194, 9-235. BOWLING Thomas 20-0-109-3, Elia 5-1-22-1 Preace 16-1-60-2, Leatherdale 16-2-75-4, Amjad 4-0-25-0 WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 77

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Knight plunders fine hundred in Stewart's wake

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (fourth day of five): Pakistan, with all second-innings wickers stunding, are 53 runs behind England

ENGLAND spent the weekend batting with verve and character between the Yorkshire showers, amassing a total that many had considcred beyond them against this passionate Pakistan uttack. But there was no cause for celebration in the dressingroom last night, only for regret over what might have been.

By scoring 501 when the Headingley pitch was at its most placid, England simply emphasised the heavy cost of their ineptitude on the opening day. If they had bowled ₱even adequately on Thursday. when conditions were loaded in favour of their seam bowlers, this second Cornhill Test would have taken a very different course. England, almost certainly, would by now

be on the point of winning it. There is no escaping this conclusion and there may be no coming back from it. England's management was acutely aware that Headingley presented their best, perhaps only opportunity to level the series following the dramatic defeat at Lord's. The weather was kind to them, so too the toss, and the game plan perished not for its design but

its execution. if, as now seems all but certain, this game ends drawn today, Pakistan hold all the good cards going into the final Test at The Oval, They lead 1-0 and the ground holds no

terrors for them after their win there, early on the fourth day, in 1992. England have missed their chance and they should be berating themselves.

Positive thinking, however, will dictate that they focus on the good things to emerge from this game, of which there have been plenty. Yesterday, for instance, Nick Knight became the second England century-maker. Whereas Alec Stewart's hundred was his first in almost two years of Test cricket, Knight's was a maiden century made in only his fifth Test. It was also an

extremely good one. Stewart, on Saturday, was delying the theory that his England career was on bornowed time and doing it triumphantly well. The paradox was that his innings, the hest he has played for England since making conturies in each innings of the win in Barbados in 1994, applied an additional pressure on Knight, who had been shuffled down to No 6 to accommodate Stewart's return to

Aware that the six-batsmen policy will not necessarily survive at the Oval, Knight recognised his vulnerability. He needed a convincing innings and he played it, giving the selectors a potential problem of the right kind. No selectors worth their salt will complain at the need to choose between worthy candidates; it when nobody demands comes thankless.

Another benefit England

will take from this game is the psychological one of knowing scores against these bowlers. It will be different in other conditions, of course, but since Wasim Akram amused familiar fears with his rapid dispatch of Michael Atherton on Friday evening the Pakistan attack has looked almost ordinary.

Waqar Younis, the scourge of England's hatting at Lord's, struggled in vain for his rhythm on Saturday, finding that the sloping approaches of Headingley are not conducive to balance for a fast howler who hurtles to the crease like an Olympic sprinter. Yesterday, settling in at the Football Stand End, he took two for 17 in it overs but until then he had conceded five runs an over and rarely located the right line.

Although the Reader ball was changed twice at the Pakistanis request, and despite Wasim persevering for an excessive 122 overs before resurting to a second new one. the reverse swing of fear and fable was conspicuously absent. Without it, and with no sharp turn for Mushtaq Ahmed, Pakistan's main weapons were disarmed.

Wagar's one wicket on Saturday was that of Nasser Flussain, deceived by a looping off break. When Mushtaq penned Graham Thorpe on his crease and Kabir took the propped catch at short-leg England were still in danger of following on, but the rest of the day featured two refreshingly forthright partnerships, supervised by Stewart but showing John Crawley and

Krught in an impressive light. Crawley is utterly unfazed by Mushtaq. He believes he can pick his googly and he did so unerringly. He also played some fluent, near disdainful drives off the seam bowlers in making 53 of a stand worth 89. Crawley will be cross that he mark too often for peace of mind - but this was his most

assertive batting for England. Stewart, who had celebrated his century with an uninhibited abandon that told much of his recent torment, fell late in the day, driving a return catch to Mushtaq, but Knight took control of the remainder of the innings, scoring his runs at a good pace and punishing anywith uncomplicated vigour.

Mushtag for Warwickshire. he struck him impertinently over mid-wicket on more than one occasion. His best stroke, however, was reserved for the

the up with complete Other batsmen were finding

as it was only the second delivery with the new ball, Wasim may have wished he had taken it sooner. Lewis was then bowled between his legs by Mushtaq before Knight square-cut for four to reach his

the total past 500, something England have not achieved at Headingley for 29 years, but by now the light was grim and it was clear Pakistan would not begin their second innings.

Soon, more rain was sweeping down, eliminating the final two hours of play and leaving England more time to

Wasim's happy band strikes the right note

cruited an unlikely ally on this latest tour of England: Dale Carnegie. Wasim Akram has led such a contented group of players that they appear to have heeded the American author's famous advice on how to win friends and influence people. Winning helps, of course, but the atmosphere on the field has been healthy and happy, with wickets and runs punctuated by smiles and laughter. The last tour, four years

ago, was fraught with misun-derstandings, not to mention 'incidents". The "lowlight" of that acrimonious series was the bust-up at Old Trafford when that notable sportsman, Mr J, Miandad, failed to keep his players in check after Aqib Javed remonstrated about a trivial point of order with Roy Palmer, the umpire.

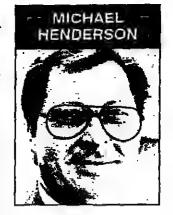
Indeed, far from restraining them, Miandad egged them on like a reckless schoolboy. who likes to goad the teacher but prefers other children to have their collars felt. It worked, too. In a feeble response to this unruly behaviour, Conrad Hunte, the International Cricket Council match referee, imitated Pontius Pilate, telling the captains they were responsible for

what their players got up to. How different it all is this this summer. The relationship between Wasim and Michael Atherton has filtered down to the ranks, so there has not been any unpleasantness on the field - as opposed to off it. where those on the western terrace have lived down to their reputation. Even David Attenborough would think twice before venturing into

that mephitic jungle. When Nick Knight left the field yesterday, after complet-ing his first Test century, nobody applauded much more vigorously than little Mushtaq Ahmed, the man whose catch ended his innings. "Mushy" is having a whale of a time this summer, bowling splendidly and sharing a joke with anybody who wants to join in. Those smiles are a bracing antidote to the snarls and fisticults that again on Saturday afternoon.

Wasim can take much of the credit for the transformation of attitudes. His contribution may be compared with that of his mentor and fellow Lahori, whose name quite escapes me, and ultimately it might be more telling because he does not regard the team as his personal fieldom.

The other chap (does anybody know whatever became of him?) is nothing if not selfimportant, and sounds increasingly pompous in his public statements. Wasim,



At Headingley

who is more tolerant of less gifted players, does not see the point in brushing up his halo, and he has had much the

more difficult job. Captains of Pakistan, like Italian prime ministers and Newcastle centre forwards, are never around for long before another one comes along. Wasim found that out soon after he succeeded thingummyjig in 1992. Within a 12-month he was unseated by a players' revolt and he got the job back only last winter. for the tour of Australia and New Zealand, after the selectors had run through the card.

Before the first Test in Brsibane, which Paki-stan lost inside four days, Wasim stated unequivocally: "My main mission is to restore our reputation." By the end of that series he had helped to do that from a cricketing point of view. Pakistan won the Sydney Test in fine style and, although they came unstuck during the World Cup, they have begun anew in England.

From the start of this tour. their players were smiling and taking time to talk to people. It may be that, having suffered the outrageous calumnies of their fellow countrymen after losing to India in the World Cup quarter-final, they realise that cricket, however important, is not everything.

established at Lord's, has continued satisfactorily at Headingley, although the big ball debate, frankly, has become tiresome. Predictably there were some ribald comments aimed at the Pakistanis on Saturday, when the ball apparently lost its shape, and the most ribald of the lot came from a former player who should know better. F. S Trueman thought the ground was half-empty on the first day because there are "no personalities" any more. Per-haps it is just as well.

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN First Innings 446 (liez Ahmed 141, Moin Khan 105, Salm Mali-65, Asti Mujtebe 51, D G Cork 5 for 113).

Extres (b 7, b 23, nb 2) . Total (156.5 overs, 655min) 501

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14 (Slewart 2), 2-121 (Slewart 58), 3-168 (Slewart 86), 4-257 (Slewart 114), 5-355 (Knight 43), 6-402 (Knight 70), 7-441 (Knight 98), 8-465 (Cork 7), 9-471 (Cork 9).

BOWLING: Wasim Alcram 39.5-10-108-3 (nb 1, 1 sx, 10 lours; 7-0-22-1, 7-2-9-0, 7-3-21-0, 6-3-20-0, 11-2-38-1, 15-0-8-1); Waspar Younis 33-7-127-3 (nb 1, 17 lours, 1-0-11-0, 3-0-28-0, 6-1-21-1, 4-0-18-0, 3-1-14-0, 11-3-27-0, 5-2-21-1, 40-184, 37-1440, 11-327-0, 525-10-2), Ass-ur-Reimmer, 22-1-90-1 (rb 4; 12 tours, 3-0-15-0, 3-0-5-0, 7-0-18-0, 6-1-31-1, 3-0-21-0); Mushtag Ahmed 55-17-142-3 (19 lours; 3-2-22-0, 16-7-32-1, 1-0-4-0, 5-3-11-0, 2-0-15-0, 9-2-30-1, 14-3-28-1), Asii Mujimba 7-5-8-0 (12 lours one gradii

(1 lour; one open)

SCORING NOTES: Third day (start delayed 60mm) Lunch: 145-2 (40 overs, 166mm, Stewart 72, Thorpe 9)
Tee: 243-3 (78 overs, 315mm; Stewart 113, Crawley 40) Closes: (fixed light ended play 5 overs prematurely at 65pm) - 373-5 (110 overs, 456mm, Kright 51, Russell D) Fourth day (start delayed 104mm) Lunch: 378-5 (115 overs, 478-min, Kright 53, Russell 2) Tee: 473-9 (1472 overs, 5177m, Coh. 9, Mullally 0), Second new ball, 402-5 (1224 overs) at 2 13pm UMPIRES: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and D R Shepheid Third umpire: R

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Loud's) Pakislan won by 164 runs Test to come; Third (The Ovel): August 22 to 28



Knight shows his elation at completing the century which secures his Test place from Wasim into his stumps;

thing loose outside off stump certainty. He too, was not inconvenienced by leg spin and, having made runs against

new ball and for Rehman — a cover-driven four struck on

some odd ways to get out. Russell dragged a rising ball

century in a little under four hours.

Dominic Cork, making some overdue runs, carried

Illingworth era seems set for bitter ending home in Spain." It is a shame



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WHEN Raymond Illingworth clambered on to a chair on the players' balenny yesterday and acclaimed Nick Knight's century with the fervour of a fan on the western terrace, it was a rare shaft of humour from a man who has recently worn little but his grumpiest expression. The faintly ludicrous sight

By Alan Lee

of the chairman of selectors with his arms aloh was his private joke, directed at the Sunday tabloids that mischievously drew attention to television pictures apparently showing him less than eestatic when Alec Stewart, with whom he had what may be politely called a misunderstanding in the spring. reached 100 on Saturday. Illingworth said the pictures. and the reports, misrepresented him, and that he had already acknowledged the century. But at least he was able to chuckle about it, and react accordingly. There have been other areas of the game this summer in which he feels he has been misrepresented. or not represented at all, and he does not feel remotely

amused by them. The curmudgeonly side of Illingworth has been given full rein this summer. His countenance has been constantly clouded by the ongoing saga of the disciplinary case brought against him by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) and the consequent fine that he refuses to accept as just. It

has influenced his every act. infiltrated his every conversation.

On Saturday he learnt that his appeal will be heard by the Cricket Council on Tuesday September 3, which means he will make two valedictory appearances at Lord's in a week. Six days after the appeal, he will meet with his fellow selectors to choose the winter tour parties, his final duty before standing down as chairman with what he says will be "great relief".

"There are things that have gone on this summer that I just don't agree with," he said. obliquely. "I haven't enjoyed the last few months and the way I feel now I shall be glad to get away from the game and spend some time at my winter to hear him speak this way and a thousand shames that his lifetime in cricket is evidently about to end on a bitter note. The England team needs an upbeat chairman; his point, however, is that the chairman needs a united game and he feels the corridors of power have not exactly chorused their support for

Although Illingworth has only grudgingly accommodated a shift of emphasis, and a change of generations, under the new coach, David Lloyd, his darker moods have little to do with those inside the England dressing-room. His complaints, I understand, relate squarely to the offices of the TCCB.

properly consulted over the Actield report into the workings of the national team and. remarkably, he had not even seen a copy of it until last Wednesday, a week after its publication. "And there have been other things that I've found out about third-hand," he said, mysteriously. Illingworth took this up with Alan Smith, chief execu-

tive of the Board, at Lord's a formight ago. He has, he said, made his views plain, which, as all who have met him will be aware, will have left no room for ambiguity. It is this frankness that will be missed when he heads for Spain. Old grump or not, nobody need climb on a chair to applaud

Cork and company can learn from past masters

ngland's bowling is so patterned at the moment, and so deficient. that it has been a great encouragement to see them batting well and, on the whole, forcefully in the second Test match against Pakistan. Only by doing so can they possibly hope to prosper, other than on pitches that are

inferior enough to

compensate for the limitations of their attack. All sides are vulnerable, however well they normally bat, after a long

and unrewarding stint in the field. The initiative is against them, so that the time came yesterday when England might have been better served by a slightly more adventurous approach. There was much to be said for getting Pakislan in again. sooner rather than later. But to total 501 with only 28 of

them coming from Atherton and Thorpe still augured well. Stewart is fully restored, and we have a new, young lefthanded century-maker, and that is excellent news.

There had been much less on the first two days of the match to raise our spirits. I am not going to say that with a spinner in their side England would have bowled Pakistan

out in their first 'Emphasis innings any less expensively that they did. I very on digging much doubt whether they ball in'

would. Their best spinner, who is generally considered to he Tufnell, seems anyway to be persona non grata, a state of affairs that does no one any credit. But the tedium of a one-paced attack is, of itself, subversive, and even on a green pitch, which this one at Headingley never has been, three seamers

John Woodcock laments the failure of England's seamers to bowl a full length

should be sufficient - certain-

ly three proper seamers. Here, perhaps, is the nub -for England no longer possess the array of probingly accu-rate medium-pacers who were traditionally the envy of other countries. That maybe a little unkind to Caddick, who could well have got among the Paksitanis had the luck been with him last Thursday morning; but there is precious little

similarity between the way

Cork and Lewis bowl today

and the way Alec Bedser and the other great users of the seam used to do. To start with, it has become unfashionable to pitch the hall up. The emphasis today is on trying to make the batsmen Ninch: on digging the ball in. This is the main reason why more and more howlers are

breaking down; from their formative years they overstrain themselves trying to get the ball to fly. Chris Lewis is no more a seamer in the classical mould than the Walrus and the Carpenter.

If England's attack Headingley had consisted, let us say, of Bedser, Derek Shackleton, Trevor Bailey and Brian Statham, Pakistan's batsmen would have been brought constantly onto the front foot last Thursday morning, into that area where lateral movement is least welcome and most remunerative. Those bowlers would have known how best to exploit the conditions, not least because all their days were spent bowling to get sides out, rather than concentrating on

containment.

England Under-15 side had "crushed" their Canadian counterparts in the Lombard World Challenge. Closer inspection revealed that in reply to England's 344 for five Canada had made 173 for five. In the days of England's glory that was a draw; now it is hailed as a triumph, although all it is is an exer-.

cise in attrition, lifted, no doubt, by some likely bat-ting and agile fielding, the sort of fielding, that is, that nearly took Cork out of the

present Test match almost before it had started, but which has become an essential, or at any rate a compulsory part of the modern game. Other than in a tight finish. the sight of his leading bowler crashing into a boundary wall even before he had bowled an over would have had an old-

time captain saying "Steady on, you're not at Twickenham now. Don't do that again." Statham, wonderfully athletic and contortionately dou-

ble-jointed, never threw himself at anything in his life; but what would we give for him now! If this sounds a rather grudging observation after two of England's much better days, it is only made because it is so Tedium of

one-paced

ceived into thinkattack' ing that sliding tackles and draws that are called victories are more important than bowling sides out. Only when we get back to making that the priority can England's success be more than fitful. It is absolutely fundamental - no less than the need to take the

means to the same end.

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Excitement of race for title cannot conceal mediocrity

This county champion-ship race has been dis-tinguished by quantity rather than quality and it is growing more confusing by the week. Seven points will cover the top five teams this evening if Derbyshire win at Hove and Leicestershire's

Three-day wins for Essex and Kent on Saturday ensured that Surrey, who won on Friday, would not slip the field. Leicestershire will return to the top if they beat Glamorgan but they missed the main chance by permitting a remarkable recovery in which the doughty Tony Cottey scored 203 and the last four wickets added 300.

The best of this round of matches, however, is at Hove, where Sussex have engineered an improbable winning position from what threatened to be an embarrassment. Martin Speight's century, followed by five wickets for Vasbert Drakes, created a fourthinnings target of 276 against Derbyshire and they resume

this morning on 91 for two.
Victory would retain the prospect of Sussex winning the championship which, with their potent and varied bowling attack, is perhaps not as absurd as it seems. Nothing, however, better illustrates the contrary nature of a season that began, for Sussex, with an innings defeat by Warwickshire and the plain possibility that they were heading back where they languished at this stage last season — rock

Early August saw Sussex at their 1995 nadir. Five consecuchampionship games were lost and the coach, Norman Gifford, resigned in despair, subsequently settling for taking charge of Durham, whose awfulness is at least more predictable. Sussex's inconsistency remains an exasperation to their supporters and if only their batting was not so brittle they could be



Speight: century-maker

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Championship Commentary

The bowlers who have car-

ried them up the table, how-

ever, may not be together much longer. Ed Giddins

faces a Test and County Crick-

et Board discipline committee

on drugs charges a week today

and, whatever its outcome,

club and maverick fast bowler

seem likely to part company.

rumour that Ian Salisbury has

itchy feet; a move to Surrey is the tip. Giddins's loss would

be a pity, Salisbury's a crying

will become only the second side to beat Derbyshire since

the opening week of the sea-

son. The first was Northamp-

tonshire, for whom this

remains a solitary success in

what has been a bewilderingly

The comparisons continue.

While Sussex were bottom of

the table this time last year.

Northamptonshire were top, apparently in sight of their first title. Warwickshire de-

prived them but they still

secured a top-five finish for the

fourth successive year. This

season their championship

form has been dire and they would be in some danger of

the wooden spoon were it not

for the comforting cushion

provided by Durham, whose attack, led by the admirable

Johnson: under pressure

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poor summer.

If Sussex do win today they

again at Edgbaston today, when they resume on 24 for two in pursuit of a distant

Middlesex, riven by inju-

e was heckled and booed by what passed for a crowd at Trent Bridge on Saturday after his fourth-ball nought had extend-ed his wretched batting form - he has a mere 99 runs from eight innings. Under at least equal pressure is the club coach, Alan Ormrod, and, while the story came as a mystery to both parties, Gra-ham Gooch has already been

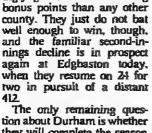
Perhaps it is simply that Nottinghamshire have their priorities wrong. Certainly, they gave out depressing signais with the close-season signings of Ashley Metcalfe and Chris Tolley, respectively aged 32 and 28 and considered dispensable by their previous

Would it not have been better and braver to encourage the young talent within the club, players such as Marthew Dowman and Usman Afzaal, who have languished too long in the second-team?

Is this not the worst failing

Almost certainly, it is a reason for the traffic jam at the top of this year's championship, where standards are too uniformly ordinary. It should also caution us against wasting too much sympathy on those at the bottom.

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ingly gleaned more bowling

tion about Durham is whether they will complete the season without a win. It seems inevitable they will finish bottom for the third time in their fiveyear existence, which offers a measure of reprieve to a club that has slipped from mightier habits into serious decline, Nottinghamshire.

ries, have not threatened a title challenge this year but they were still good enough to flatten Nottinghamshire by an innings on Saturday, with a welcome return to form for one of their recent walking wounded, Richard Johnson. For his namesake, Paul, it was one more dismal day in what has been a chastening first season as Nottinghamshire's

linked with his job.

counties.

of English cricket, the instinct to seek the security of those who have achieved a certain level - if a mediocre one youth?



Ivo Tennant meets

a man making the

most of a new lease of life at the age of 31

the English game, held by Sir Colin Cowdrey among others, that a batsmar does not reach maturity until the age of 30. As well as those blessed with lavish gifts, he had in mind the artisan, the type, of professional who comes to the fore when littleknown beyond his county's boundaries. For example, a cricketer such as Vince Wells.

Few could have matured so rapidly upon reaching this age as Wells. Here was an all-rounder who could bat anywhere, bowl niggardly seamup and keep wicket and yet who found he had no future with Kent, the county of his birth. After four seasons on their staff, he had not convinced them that he possessed a talent to master these three differing skills. So. in 1992, he Leicestershire, who were taking on any number of discarded cricketers

At Grace Road, there was no crowd, no cricketing week, no sense of history. Even the wheelbarrow had a hole in it, Wells appeared a functional cricketer in functional surroundings. But there was Jack Birkenshaw, one of the shrewdest of judges of a cricketer. The Leicestershire manager had seen that this then was, had the makings of becoming more than just a former who could stand in for the senior players when they

lovely timer of the ball who could play all round the wicket," Birkenshaw said. His unfortunate trait was that he was too nice to grumble when he was left out of the Kent side. He had probably been used a bit this sometimes happens to the people who are the least trouble. He did not know where he was going in, whether he was bowling or whether

is is not a bad curricu-lum vitae. He is 22 years old; sprinted 100 metres in less than 11

seconds at school; is a useful

footballer and a good enough

rugby player - in the opinion

play internationally had he

put his mind to it and can hit a

cricket ball in an exceptional

his career. The bad news for

England is that he is South

African and will doubtless

permit their Test team an all

too lengthy inspection of his

talent in the near future. Some

county teams are already ac-

quainted with it. Herschelle

Gibbs being — by some distance — the leading run-scorer

on South Africa A's tour of

The South Africans are

treating the visit as a recon-

naissance mission before a

five-Test tour in 1998 and the

World Cup in 1999. It will be a

big surprise if Gibbs is not

back here then but, about this

particular cricketer, a rider

must be added: predictions are

Five years ago. Gibbs was

building himself a reputation

as a fine, all-round sportsman

and, therefore, largely white -

a dangerous business.

England this summer.

The good news for cricket is

those that know him - to

"I could tell that Vince was a



Wells on his way to a career-best 204 against Northamptonshire earlier this month

he was keeping wicket. Now, he suddenly realises that he can bat. He can play the short ball. If he is a late developer, it is only because his opportunities have come later in life." How he has taken them.

Last season he made 645 runs and took 19 wickets in the

pieces stuff. This year, given the chance to open owing to Nigel Briers's injury and subcome up with one large innings after another. In three consecutive matches, one of them in the NatWest Trophy, he made 200, 201 and 197. This

career-best score, against Northamptonshire. He coped against the new ball through a confidence he had not known

"Opening the innings has given me a more responsible outlook. My mental approach is different. I have tightened

used him as an opener in a

domestic one-day competition

Gibbs does not think his

time in the wilderness was

wasted. "I was not ready when

was first chosen for [Western]

Province and during those

four years I was not mentally

prepared either." he said. "I

like to score freely and there

simply were not as many loose

balls around as I was used to.

But the experience will help

me in the long run. I have

played ugainst more experi-

enced men than others of my

and told him to play his shots.

He scored a lot of runs."

a better player off the back foot " he said. "I've looked to play more straight and off my legs more — it all comes from growing in confidence. —James Whitaker, my cap-

tain, has been a great help. He talked to me last winter about batting higher in the order and encouraged me to bat in half-hour sessions at a time. I believe I can continue to

But, if Nigel had not been injured. I would have gone in no higher than five or six. Although I was attached to Leyton Orient when a school-boy centre forward, I have always desperately wanted to play county cricket — there are not too many jobs where you can wake up and look forward to going in to work.

At Kent I felt I was good enough and did well in the second XI. The trouble was

'I shall be very disappointed if he does not get on England's A tour this winter'

that there were all-rounders such as Richard Ellison. Chris Penn and Eldine Baptiste ahead of me and, although I made my debut as a wicketeeper, even my chances of

doing that were limited."
Wells had left Dartford before. For six years in his childhood, his parents, who were hairdressers, went to work in New Zealand. His only regret is that, on account of opening, he has not bowled as often as he did. His captain likes to conserve his energy. But it has been worth it.

Wells's career batting average before this year was 28.76. His average for this season has risen to over 40. "Vince will do anything you ask of him. He is a good lad and I try to sign nice people," Birkenshaw said. "He was 31 last week but I shall be very disappointed if he does not get on England's A tour this winter because he is a better player than some the selectors seem keen on."

Another Gibbs prepares to enter the Test match arena Simon Wilde reports on Herschelle Gibbs, the South Africa

A team batsman, who is likely to return to torment England

He was attracting an unusual amount of interest, not only because of his achievements on the sports field but also because he was — is — a Cape Coloured. He was selected to play

cricket for Western Province and, at the age of 16, became the youngest player in the team's history. A great future was forecast for him. There the trouble started. "The new South Africa has been quite confusing for young men like Herschelle," Duncan Fletcher, the A team coach, said. "There are certain people wanting them to do well for political reasons. He was denied the space he needed to grow."

Many talented sportsmen plunge into such troughs. where they experience the thing no one had anticipated for them: failure. In Gibbs's case this lasted a long time, so

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him. For four years, he languished in the Province's B team, showing nothing like his potential.

"I was told by others that I



Herschelle did not appear to have the right temperament. But I've always been a great fan of his and we have a good relationship. So last season I

was wasting my time," Fletcher, who also works with Western Province, said, "And even



He has shown his maturity this summer, although his colleagues have hardly acted

They have collectively played with a steely-edged competitiveness that has raised some eyebrows. Gibbs has scored 939 runs in 11 first-class innings, with highest scores of 183 against MCC and 178 against Surrey, an innings that contained eight sixes. Though small in build, he is strong and hits the ball so hard that when Gregor the Surrey match he was forced off the field with a severely bruised hand.

as callow youths themselves.

Gibbs is pleased with his form on the tour, which culminates later this week in a fourday fixture against a TCCB XI at Chester-le-Street, but he is conscious that few opposing sides have out out their strongest attacks. He would like to come back to play county cricket next year, but already has a prior engagement: Ali Bacher, the managing director of the South African Cricket Board, has put his name down for the country's main cricket academy in Johannesburg.

Fletcher finds it hard to pick out one innings from many exceptional ones played by Gibbs in recent weeks, but he is now sure about one thing: "I will be absolutely amazed if Herschelle does not play Test cricket, and play it very soon."

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FOOTBALL: SHEARER AND NEWCASTLE RECEIVE RUDE WAKE-UP CALL FROM RUTHLESS DOUBLE-WINNERS

Shortage of charity as Cantona calls tune

FOOTBALL, being a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal, traditionally tacks charity. It is a game in which hardness is dominant: hardness is dominant: ness in physical confrontation, hardness of purpose, hardness in execution. That is why, when the season opens as ever with a curtain-raiser called the Charity Shield, writers and headline makers turn on the word "charity" with such iron-

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Trub Stage

Charity these days means money, Originally, it meant a disinterested love. What does charity mean in football? Are we talking about money? Or about disinterested love?

Alan Shearer, the most expensive footballer on the planet, stepped out for his first big occasion with his new club, Newcastle United, as they took on Manchester United in the Charity Shield yesterday. each club seeking to prove a point before the true hardness of League competiton begins for real next weekend.

Shearer cost £15 million. And, after his series of excellent performances for Engin the European championship, it seems that the nation took this monstrous sum of money in its stride.

No one, it seems, has seriously asked how anyone can be worth £15 million. But Newcastle, bankrolled by the love and money of Sir John Hall, and managed by the forever up-and-at-em Kevin Keegan have taken another wild step into the

footballing unknown.

It is, in fact, the third centre forward they have bought together, the others being Les Ferdinand, asked to surrender his treasured No 9 shirt, and Faustino Asprilla, the bewildering or beguiling Colombi-an, who was relegated to the substitutes' bench.

Now this is an awful lot of centre forwards and it might strike a normal observer of footballing matters that, if the season was a 4-3 defeat (by Liverpool, if you remember), then boistering up the attack is not the most obvious priority.

Newcastle led all the way through last season, but fell away in the final furlong. That was when Manchester United ground out a series of 1-0 victories, most of them followed by a line in smaller print that read "Cantona 76min". Not making the small print, but equally important, was a string of saves, catches and interventions from the SIMON BARNES



At the Charity Shield

musterly Denmark goalkeeper. Peter Schemichet.

So what did Keegan do? Same goalie, same defence, and 15 million guid's worth of striking talent. So we lost the crucial match 4-3; that doesn't mean we should have won it 3-2 does it? No, we should have won it 5-4, right? Right!

Keegan, president of the campaign for real scorelines, has chosen glory beyond sense, or, at least, beyond logic. Not for him the football of fear; he is not a manager who lives his life in perpetual terror of the vote of confidence. not a manager who never dares to buy fitted carpets.

Rich enough from his playing days, he is part of the new breed of managers who can afford to take fotball on their own terms - rather than that of any chairman. And, Keegan being Keegan, the terms he has chosen are all to do with glory. Doing things in style, not waiting for the other lot to die of boredom," as Danny Blanchflower remarked.

Some chairmen might lose patience with this, but clearly not Sir John. He, too, is rich enough, grand-spirited enough, to prefer glory to the sordid accountancy of the won/lost column. And, if this don't know what is.

If ever there was a day to make the point of style over accountancy, this was it Le style c'est l'homme, and the homme, as ever, was a certain Frenchman with a turned-up collar. Name: Eric Cantona. Price: one fifteenth of Shearer's. Value: incaiculable. The

heart and soul of the club. He scored the first goal when the Newcastle defence gave him yards of space - if only they had asked me. I would have told them he was



Giggs helps Butt to celebrate his goal in the Charity Shield victory for Manchester United at Wembley yesterday

quite good — and made the second with a back-heel insolent even by his own elevated standards.

Oh, and he should have been sent off for flinging Albert to the ground; but then no one ever claimed that the heart and soul of Manchester United were entirely made up

of disinterested love. Or of the lust for mere glory, for that

As for Shearer, if he had been paid a million quid a touch for vesterday's show, we would get a fair bit of change from his price. What style Newcastle had came from Asprilla, a substitute. Heis

even more skilful than Cantona and with a still more clusive and turbulent nature. Could he do for Newcastle what Cantona did and does for Manchester United? Perhans that will remain one of football's eternal

unanswerables. Well, one pre-season match is not a championship campaign. Perhaps, for Shearer and Newcastle, this is the wake-up call. Yesterday was simply dreadful. I am reminded of the returning prodigal in Monty Python: There's more to life and truth and beauty, father. There's dirt, and grime, and work."

Sharpe seeks his England place at Leeds

By Peter Ball and Russell Kempson

HOWARD WILKINSON, the Leeds United manager, has had a frustrating summer in the transfer market, but his efforts received some reward yesterday. Manchester United have accepted his £4 million offer for their England inter-national winger, Lee Sharpe. After meeting Wilkinson at the weekend, and having the first part of his medical yesterday, Sharpe is expected to finalise the signing this afternoon.

The transfer takes Wilkinson's spending to around £8 million so far since Leeds's new owners presented him with a reported El2 million to spend on new players, with Lee Bowyer, Nigel Martyn and now Sharpe arriving at Elland Road, Ian Rush also joined on a free transfer.

Since the departure of Gary Speed to Everion, someone to play wide on the left was a prinrity, and Sharpe undoubtedly fits the bill. His past three seasons have been frustrating, littered with injury and inconsistency, but, if he can keep fit and respond to a new challenge, he is young enough to recapture the pace and ability to cross on the run that brought him eight England caps under Graham Taylor.

Sharpe joined Manchester United as a 16-year-old from Torquay for £185,000 and made an immediate impression. But, with the spate of recent signings at Old Trafford, his departure does not come as a surprise. He was linked with Liverpool earlier in the summer.

"I was watching Euro 96 when I realised I needed firstteam football to get back my place in the England team," Sharpe said. "I don't think I regret leaving United but, after eight years at Old Trafford, it is never easy. I am looking forward to my days at

Terry Venables, the former England coach, is considering an offer to join Portsmouth. the Nationwide League first division club, as director of football. Venables, who guided England to the semi-finals of Euro 96 in June, will hold further discussions with Martin Gregory, the Portsmouth managing director, to finalise the terms of the job this week.

"Portsmouth is a club that has had a lot of support and it could be turned into a big club again," Venables said. "I have had more substantial offers from abroad but I want to stay in this country. I'm now free again and I would like to put my time to good use." Venables has been linked

with FC Porto, Napoli and the Turkey national team since he relinquished his role with England, with rundown Fratton Park appearing an unlikely stage on which to

Celtic show early signs

reappear. The club has debts of £2.8 million, is losing £54,000 a week and narrowly avoided relegation to the second division last season.

Yet Venables has always had close links with the Gregory family - Martin's lather, Jim, appointed him as manager of Qucens Park Rangers in 1980 - and he was invited to son match against Bristol City on Saturday, which they won

Things are looking quite ositive and, after I speak to Martin to sort out a few matters, I'm hoping it will go ahead," Venables said. "I just think the club is lacking direction. They have potentially good players and coaching staff and, with a little bit of help, they could do really well." Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, is likely to be retained, with Venables adopting an advisory role.

Don Howe, who assisted Venables throughout Euro 96 and has been involved with England for almost 20 years,



may be relieved of his coaching duties for the 1998 World Cup qualifying campaign, which begins in Moldavia on September I. It was reported yesterday that Glenn Hoddle, the new England coach, will be asking Howe, 60, to concentrate on his job as interim technical director of the Football Association.

Howe was coaching at Chelsea three years ago when Hoddle became manager, but left swiftly after being offered only a scouting job. Hoddle has also reshaped his backroom staff since succeeding Venables, appointing John Town, as his assistant.

Stuart Pearce, the Nottingham Forest captain, has reconsidered his decision to retire from international football, which he announced after England had been beaten by Germany in the European championship. Having since spoken with Hoddle, he has made himself available for the game against Moldavia.

Disappointing Rangers sound alarm for honest Wilkins

Will Queens Park Rangers, so sadly relegated last season, bounce straight back up to the FA Carling Premier-ship? On Saturday's showing, it is debatable. Wimbledon, in the sunshine of Shepherds Bush, strolled past them 1-0 in a pre-season fixture and, afterwards, Ray Wilkins, the Rangers player-manager, did not mince his words.

Small, quick, bright, ironic and honest, Wilkins is a rare bird among managers, let alone player-managers."We were inept," he said.

So, alas, they were. With typical generosity, Wilkins conceded that Wimbledon were "super" and that they had passed the ball well.

A less charitable assessment was that they were allowed to do the kind of things for which Wimbledon are not generally noted courtesy of a Rangers team that was pathetic in

Wilkins tactfully said that he did not want to talk about certain areas of the team" but he doubtless had plenty to say in the dressing-room to the defenders who left such enormous gaps and stood back early on to allow Wimbledon the winning goal. Robbie Earle was left quite alone to head in a Vinny Jones free kick from the left. They also serve who only stand and wait.

Thank God it was a preseason game." Wilkins said. The alarming thing was that most of this Rangers team was precisely that which was relegated last season, despite a number of impressive victories against the likes of Everton and West Ham United. Wimbledon should have had several more goals, and would have done had it not

Brian Glanville watches Wimbledon stroll past a team short of new ideas

Jürgen Sommer, Rangers's American goalkeeper. Wilkins played in midfield for most of the game and, to the neutral eye, looked no worse than anybody else in a floundering side.

"Nice of you to say so," he told a complimentary report-er. "I thought I was abysmal." Did he take himself off, he

was asked. "No, Frank Sibley, the assistant manager, took me off," he replied. "After today. I'll have to think about it. I have done a lot of hard work in pre-season and played a lot of games, and that was my worst perfor-mance. I'll sit there and take

Wilkins is 39. Mark Hateley, who played with him at Glasgow Rangers, is 34. There was some surprise when Wilkins brought him down from Scotland last season. Once so mighty in the air.



been for the athletic bulk of in a derby game at San Siro against Inter — Hateley now point of reference.

> ever understanding, explained that the ball had not come across as fast as might be

game. "It's unfortunate but Mark's a professional," Wil-

Wilkins: typically generous

- how well I remember the soaring header that he scored

seems scarcely more than a In one home game last season he missed a header from a few yards. Wilkins,

expected. It sounded a little like the wrong kind of snow or leaves on the railway line. On Saturday, Hateley did have a diving header of sorts in the second half, which went past a post. The crowd, such as it was, jeered him, as they had been doing for much of the

kins said. One, alas, who has seen far better days. When Steve Slade, the 20-year-old centre forward bought from Tottenham Hotspur, came on, together with a lofty Daniele Dichio, there was much more movement up front, yet Slade showed an excessive aggression not evident at Tottenham. A violent clash with Ben

left back, could have got both of them sent off, rather than substituted. Emollient again, Wilkins explained that, having turned out in the past couple of matches, and not being in the starting XI on Saturday, Slade wanted to show "he was up to it". "I did not think it was only

Thatcher, the new Wimbledon

one way," he added. It wasn't. Thatcher's retaliation, after he had played a model game and even raised dreams of England, was foolishly impulsive. That way expulsions lie. Rangers have a new chairman now. No more choruses

of "We want Thompson out, we want Thompson out", Richard Thompson, now at Leeds United, will no longer have to suffer the abuse of Rangers supporters as he disappears down the steps from the directors' box. To be fair, they had once abused even Jim Gregory, the chairman who made the club, with those west London choruses of "Resign Gregory, resign!"

Chris Wright, the new chairman and Rangers follower for years, was on holiday abroad. Diplomatic to a fault, Wil-kins said: "It is difficult when a new chairman takes over. The initial outlay is an immense amount of money." In other words, he cannot know what he will have to spend and does know he did not spend it too well last season on Hateley, Ned Zelic, the Australian now with Auxerre, and Simon Osborn, who was sold to Wolver-

hampton Wanderers. Will Trevor Sinclair have to go? Wilkins said that the only offer he has had was from Rangers's own former manager, Gerry Francis, now at Tonenham, for £3.5 million. First-division football, Wilkins admits, will be "more

robust, definitely. But I like to

think we have chaps more than capable of looking after themselves." To rub salt in to Saturday's wounds, Les Ferdinand, so recent a Rangers hero, turned up with other Newcastle United players to watch the first half. He was applauded and, for all the pace and promise of Kevin Gallen, how badly he is

being missed!

Barmby's start is delayed by injury

NICK BARMBY, the England forward, is expected to miss the start of the FA Carling Premiership season after being injured in an uncompromising pre-season match against Internazionale yesterday. More than 20,000 support-

ers, at the Riverside Stadium for a testimonial match for Willie Maddren, saw Barmby sustain a calf injury after six minutes of the match, which finished 0-0. Gianluca Vialli said that he

is 40-50 per cent lit after making his home debut for Chelsea in Steve Clarke's benefit game against PSV Eindhoven, who won 3-2. However, the Italian forward added: "At Southampton next week I hope to be 100 per cent fit and you will see a different Chelsea.'

The Southampton manager. Graeme Souness, has pulled out of a move for Uwe Rösler after being told by Alan Ball, the Manchester City manager, that he would have to pay £3.5 million for the German forward. Sourcess had hoped to sign Rösler for

From next Monday The Times will publish a combined half-time and full-time grid which will include the pools value of the half-time scores. Littlewoods is running a new competition in which £250,000 can be won if punters obtain the maximum number of points available by correctly predicting halftimes. The other significant change is the number of coupon matches which has been reduced from 58 to 49.

of failing to last distance **KEVIN** first afternoon of the new McCARRA

Bell's Scottish League premier division season would have about as much charm as the May Day parade in the former USSR when rocket launchers, tanks and other ingenious instruments of death trundled past the podium. On Saturday, the Old Firm were supposed to mount their own show of strength. Instead, to the relief of those

who like a little spontaneity with their sport, the two clubs malfunctioned. Rangers, with a 1-0 victory over Raith Rovers, suffered no harm, but the result did prove that they can be prevented from inflicting a routine rout, even when facing humble opposition on their own ground. Celtic came far closer to complete breakdown.

At Pittodrie, only an equal-iser by Andreas Thom in the closing seconds allowed them to salvage a 2-2 draw with Aberdeen from a match in which they had led. It was one of those occasions where affluence seems only to buy a larger set of problems.

On his competitive debut, Alan Stubbs, the club's record signing at £3.5 million. was sent off. Having sauntered impressively through his duties, the central defender, with Celtic I-0 ahead, sleepily failed to make an interception, so allowing Duncan Shearer, who came on as a substitute, to sneak in behind him. Stubbs then had to attempt

a tackle from behind and, seeming to catch man as well as ball, conceded a penalty in the 73rd minute. Mr Dallas, the referee, showed him the red card and Dean Windass scored from the spot. Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, detected injustice, believing



commentary

that Stubbs's challenge was cleanly executed, but he also recognised the lapse in concentration by the centre-half that began the whole episode. The mental stamina of the

entire Celtic team, however, was brought into question by the result. Having been reduced to ten men, the disorientation in defence when Shearer scored Aberdeen's second goal ten minutes from the end was entirely natural, but a less pardonable inattentiveness did the real damage to

Roy Aitken, the Aberdeen manager, claimed that the visitors had "shaded" the firsthalf. Shade? This was an eclipse, with Aberdeen furnbling in the dark and rarely coming across the ball. At that stage, Celtic played with great assurance and each player's gifts seemed to supplement

another's talents. So, Pierre van Hooijdonk's head-flicks encouraged Jorge Cadete to make his darting intrusions behind the defence. There was a balance in midfield too, with Thom and O'Donnell providing thrust on the flanks, while Peter Grant held firm in the centre of the

pitch. The play was beguiling and the chances abundant, but

Celtic carelessly missed them. as if convinced that victory was unavoidable in a game they were controlling. Only van Hooijdonk was to score in the first-half, curling a 30-yard free kick into the top corner of

Aitken rightly praised his team for their comeback, but doggedness should never have been allowed to reap such rewards. As, after the break, Aberdeen at last secured access to the other half of the pitch, the first lew symptoms of queasiness were apparent in a Celtic side that suddenly realised how vulnerable they still were.

Aberdeen could have had a goal as early as the 54th minute, when Gordon Marshall fumbled a cross and only van Hooijdonk's block kept the shot by Windass out of the net. Such poorly-disguised agitation nourished the hope that strengthened Aberdeen.

Just as scientists may deduce life on Mars from a few marks on a piece of rock; so there are pundits who will try to determine the whole outcome of the championship from the first afternoon's action. Football, of course, is not amenable to such methods, but Celtic will realise that Saturday's leniency needs to be expunged from the team's personality if they are to win

the premier division. A draw at Pittodrie would often be regarded as gratifying, but at present Aberdeen. for whom Tzanko Tzvetanov, the Bulgarian, made a pleasing debut in midfield, are caught up in the process of reconstruction. When faced with such vulnerability, a Celtic team with aspirations towards the title ought to be

BOWLS

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BANGKOK: World Boxing Council light-llyweight championship (12mds) Saman Sonaturong (That, holder) bit Sheo Jahro (Japan) the 9th Vecant World Boxing

TOUR OF PORTUGAL: Shirth stage (233 2km, Albergans-3-Valha to Rigueira Castelo Rodrigo): 1, M Redant (Bol) Shr 35min 49sec: 2, P Silve (Por), 3, S Sarkauskas (Lt): 4, A Di Basco (ft), 5, M Abreu (Por): 6, S Vieira (Por) el same inno Leadring overalli positionns: 1, M Leff (ft) 20'r 56min 15sec; 2, Abrou al 40sec; 3, V Gamto (Por) Inim 4 15sec; 4, J Gomes (Por) 235, 5, C Freitas (Br) 243, 8, P Ferreira (Por) 244

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ROAD RACES: Mensiyatide Ladies CA
(Reynolds 531 women's nettonal senes,
Omisidik, 48m) 1, A Plant (Sweledale CC)
206.47; 2, S Boyden (VC La Motta) et
40sec; 3, M Johnson (Oundle Velo) same time. Final overall positions: 1, A Hunter (New Brighton CC) 43 pts; 2, S Boyden 42, eq 3, M Purvis (North Wimal Velo) and M Lawrence (Team Ambrosia) 38 Paugeot Grand Prix (Rathkeruy, Co Anthrin 67m) 1, T Evans (Bentondey CC) 2 1024, 2, 1 Chivers (Oyprus CC); 3, M Lyttle: (Dungarnon Wineslern), all some time.

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TIME-TRIALS: Wedberley RC (Dictoot, Oxfordshire, 100ml; 1, A Willumson (Por Suright Wheelers) 3 79: 27mn Steet (British record); 2, C Brooks (VC Cemedi) 3 39:52-3, R Homber (Fareham Wheelers) 3 39:52-3, R Homber (Fareham Wheelers) 3 39:52-3, R Homber (Pareham Wheelers) 39:19. Teams (Optimum Performance Rf) 3 32:18: 2, T Hombor (Pisaldas RC) 3-45-55: 3, P Evans (VC Deal) 3, 48:11. Teams Halitar RC 12:00:34 RTTC circuit time trial series (Rth nund Besserthweite, Carmothe, 33ml; 1, R Prebitle (Wembley RC) 1:08-28 (course record); 2, P Marning (North Warel Velo) 1:07:27; 3, J Clay (Fasm Oxange-Parter) 1:07:28, S Caruse (Course) (Ross-Share RCC) 1:75-45, 2, 6 Eruce (Comany Firth CC) 2:01-04; 3, M Van der Villes (Moray Frith CC) 2:03-22 Team: Cromenty Frith CC 2:01-04; 3, M Van der Villes (Moray Frith CC) 2:03-22 (Team: Cromenty Frith CC) 2:03-22 (Team: Cromenty Frith CC) 2:03-23. S Smith (Bonnyring) CC) 2:02-04. Burnstapple Imperial Wheelers (Devon, 50ml); 1, R Peas (Plymouth Contribian CC) 2:03-22 (Z M Porter (Weston Wheelers) 2:02-52 (Team: Barnetapile Imperial Wheelers) (Coshilles Wheelers 6:18-45, Leicester Forest CC) (Syston, 25ml); 1, G Platts (Coshilles)

Dideot, Manton, 2 completions of 49. HC=Hore Concord; HC T Jaffery (LSB) 61 9kph, 457pts; 1, 1 Wils (LSG) 55.7, 453. 2. T Scott (LSB) 489 49.0. 3, J Whom (45W) 2CC 237km, 422, equal 4, E Johnston (LSG) and T Murphy (LSTW) 228 3/m, 366. 6 Lysakowsia (Newton 2) 220.7, 374, HC B Cooper (LSB) 220.6, 374. 7, M Jatianyas, (DGBO) 216.7, 383.8, M Jardy (LSB) and S Recorder (LSB) end C Date (45W) and C Mals (LSB) 216.7, 385.8, M Jardy (LSB) and S Recorder (LSB) end C Date (45W) and C Mals (LSB) 2115.3, 386.7 min overall potalions: 1, Wils 5, 116pts, 2, P Crabb (LSB) 4851; 3, Score 4,756; 4 M Wells (LSB) 4,667; 5, A Kay (Ventus 2) 4,547; 6, S Jones (Ventus 2) 4,518 GOLF

3. R. Wattkinson (Dinnington RC) 57 16
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EQUESTRIANISM IRELAND: Dublin Horse shoer, Kernygold Putesance: 1, Roddy's Revenge (T Coyle, Ire): 2, Bton (M Whisher, GB), 3 Counceld (J Doyle, Ire) Kernygold Challenge: 1, Blue Bayu (P Charles, Ire) clear 75 57 sess; 2, Furtose (E Candel, Cer) clear 75 65, 3, Friso (G Dominici, III) clear 78 96. GLIDING

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REAL TENNIS HOBART, Tagmania. Australian Open Champtonship Marx Semi-finds: R Echey (Aus) of F Elippelt (44s) 64 6-2 6-1 J Snow (GB) bi M Gooding (Aus) 6-2 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Final: Falsey bit Snow 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 Wommer: Same-final: I Leering (GB) bit V

RIFLE SHOOTING VANCOLIVER: British Columbia championships: Grand Aggregate: 1 N Ball (38) 53.9301s 2, 1d Duna (US) 53.79; 3, C Weeden (68) 552.95 Soothish Claymore Aggregate: 1 Ball 150.28pts 2, J Alexander (Caru 150.24; 3 N Moron (38) 150.34 MacDonald Stewart Aggregate: 1, Weeden 200.32pts 2, R Pilcarn (Caru

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Ercelle (* Moton), 2. Rechann (* Gray), 3, Quicksilver (* (f) Andrews), 3
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SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET: Lombard World chellenger Under-15: Group A (Lembury): England 262 Zimbabwe 116, Canada 193 West Indes 194-3 Group B (Oundle School) Holland 127 South Africa 129-2; Australia 163 Sn Lanka 164-7 SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 73 Shefflek TENNIS

MASON, Chilo: Men's ATP championahig: Semi-finatis: A Agass: (US) bit T Muster (Austria) 6-4, 6-1, M Chang (US) bit T Engvist (Swe) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. SAN MARINO: Men's World series tourn

MONTREAL: Women's tournement Semi-finals: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) to K Ro (US) 6-0, 6-4, M Seles (US) bi Y Basuki (Indo) 6-0, 6-3

MARIA LANKOWITZ, Austria: Women's tournament: Semi-finate: S Cecchini (R) bi 5 Talua (Cro) 6-3, 6-2 B Paulus (Austria) bi De ville (Bel) 6-1, 7-5. Finat: Paulus bi Cecchini (I-0) (Cecchini rel)

SOUTHSEA. LTA Satellite tournament: Finals: Men: Singles: M Lee (GB) bt A Hurt (NZ 6-7, 6-1, 6-1). Doubles: Hurt and T Spints (GB) bt J Balgado and A Foster (GB) 6-1, 8-3 Women: Singles: L Art (GB) bt C Walson (Aust 6-3, 6-3. Doubles: Ahl and S Asidali (GB) bt L Letimer and L Woodroffe (GB) 6-2, 7-6

WATER POLO

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Saturday: First dis-sion: Bristol 15 Polytechnic 12, Nova 18 Exter 7, Lancaster 17 Coventry 5, Royton 10 Brikenhead 10, Chelterham 13 Penguin 9 Second division: Sarion 14 Rotherham 11, Invicts 6 Parogon 12 Yestlerday: First division: Chelterham 9 Polytechnic 8, Lancaster 20 Britanhead 8, Bristol 16 Panguin 7 Second division: Invicts 6 Rotherham 11, Sutton 24 Bradford 7.

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Hachen 0 Tottenham XI 4; Weeton 0
Birminghem 3; Kettering 1 Norwich 0;
Ridderminister 0 Crews 8; Macclesfield 1
Manchester United XI 0; Northampton 1
Peterborough 1, Northwich 1 Doncaster 1;
Portsmit 1 Bristol City 0; Cucens Park
Rangers 0 Winteledon 1; Southoope 1
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petrs); Freiburg 2 Uerdingen 0, Arminia
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NATIONAL LEAGUE Friday: Florida 2
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Seles, the defending champion. beat Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia, 6-0, 6-3. Photograph: Ryan Remiorz. CLUB CRICKET APS TWO COUNTIES LEAGUE: Abberton 141, Dunnow 142-5, Habtead 247-7, Wwetnoe 220, Midenhall 1/8, Meldon 119-1; Brantes 239-7, Sudbury 220-9, Withem 120, Claston 236-2. BERKSHIRE LEAGUE: Soming 78, Farley Hit 82-7, Goring 144-7, Sandhuss 145-8, Wargrave 141-8, Frantey 144-3; West Itsley 176, Yaseley 180: Woodley 192, Priumeys Green 68

DRAKES HUDDERSPIELD LEAGUE:
Broad Oak 259-4. Scholer 107-9; Elland:
116-9. Mareden 150 ram stopped play; Hell
Bower 99. Holmfeth 100-0. Lascetes Hell
148-9. Shapley 188-9 after stopped play;
Meitharm 126-9. Kirkburton 101:
Stehmanthorpe 199-6. Shadwade 163-7
rain stopped play; Thorgsbridge 230-7;
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Almondbury 132-4. Golcar 74, Halitan 155.
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130. Penistone 50. Honley 249-9: Primrose
Hell 93, Armitage Bridge 94-1; Rastinck 136-7, Korborough 198-8.
DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY 176, Vateley 160: Woodley 192, Prikreys Green 68
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ORDDEGEM, Belgium: Representative match: South of England v Belgium (writners and Brosch) Merc 200m; 1. P. Stevens (Bel) 20 40-sec. 3, J. Golding (Blackheeth) 20 69 3,000m steeplechaser. 1. M Vorpole (Both Brown 48 25:sec. 3. Newport (Blackheeth) 20 69 3,000m steeplechaser. 1. M Vorpole (Both Brown 48 25:sec. 3. Newport (Blackheeth) 25 91 10m hundles: 1 S Peters (Bel) 14.22 High Jumps; 1 R Aspden (Belgrave) 2.15m Hammer; 1. P. Head (Newham and Esse, Beaglos) 69 29m Javalin; 1. M von Mensel (Bel) 71 EZm. 8. T Rabdiffe (Dacmum and Tring) 59 84 Wormen; 200m; 1. M Gerveert (Bel) 13 mm 48 25cc; 3, M Myters (Parisade Hamb) 23.85 5,000m; 1. M Renders (Bel) 13 mm 48 25cc; 3, M Myters (Parisade Hamos) 18.41 67 100m hundles: 1. M Welluns (Aldershot, Farnham and Dictardi 13 41-sec. Pote vasit 1: S Zubiolo (Bol) 3.70m, 3, L Schramm (Epporm and Evell) 3.45m Ling jump; 1. S Henniart (Bel) 576 Hammer: 1, L Sprules (Hounslow)

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HENDON: Junior Inter-Area match Jaconers: More 100m: M Tiest North 10 74sec 200m; P Pengo (North 22 C4 400m; REdu (South) 47 97 800m; C Libess (South) Imm 54 61sec (1,500m; P More) (Medlands) 352 99, 3,000m; A Grahn (South) 82 301 2,000m steephechase, S Wurr (Medlands) 801 18, 110m hardles; A Gail (North) 14 78 400m hardles; M Lerbindge (South) 94 93 4 x 100m relay; North 41 64 4 x 400m relay; South 3 4 93 relative 14 164 4 x 400m relay; South 3 4 92m Long jump: J Peacook (South) 15 93 xm 17 85sec; High jump: D Graham-Jionty, 208m Pole vesiti: B First (North) 4 92m Long jump: J Peacook (South) 15 98m Shot: E Udechuku (South) 15 98m 10 seus Udechuku 54 96m Hammer; C Visich (North) 55 96m Javelin R Sat (North) 57 88m 38m vesiti: S 1 2ylor (Melands) 14 05 77 Arthur Kendall Trophy: I South 23 15 5, North 207 3, Medlands 134, 4, Wales 116 Women: 100m; L Sharp (Wales) 12-45 200m; North) 24 90m; 400m; L Owusu (South) 56 34 800m; E Davos (Weles) 3mm 10 80sec 1,500m; I inlinian (North) 4 37 09 3,000m; D Dagne (South) 92 225 100m hundles; L Williams (Wales) 62 21 4 x 100m relay: South 47 80, 4 x 400m relay; South 37 0s 51 25sec Phyth jump: S Jones (North) 1 80m Pole vesiti: R Clair (South) 3 70m

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(City of Glasgow) 34 20m 38m wells: A Brewster (Shallasbury Barnell 17.45 15 Deer-40, 1.500m: A Turkrejton (Cambridge and Colenge) arms 20.85sec Pole wasti G Hexenopham (North Devon 2.20 (British record) Deer-45, Pole wasti. C Earnes (Bournemouth) 2.25m; Slam walls: A Lewis (Aldershot, Familiann and Detrict) 16.19.51 Aldersholt, Famham and Dethol) 16 19 51

PTTREAVIE: TSB, Caluc Games: Boys: Under-17: 100m; C. Garson (Scot) 11 19sec 200m; Carson 22 23 400m; D. Lowey (fire) 49 1 800m; T. Cartweyh Water, 1mn 56 31sec 1,500m; P. Rolly (Fel 4-04-88 100m hundles: R. McDonald (Scot) 13 9sec 400m second Obscut: Breathneyh 42 77 Mgh Jawelin: T. Mitrey (hel 65 92h; Games record). Malch result: 1, Scottand 450s; 2, Indand 40, 3, Water 35; 4. Northern Instand 25 Garis: Under-17: 100m; A. Hozme fino) 12 4sec 200m; C. Shechey (he) 45 25 300m; S. Hickey (he) 40 06 800m; J. Hoss; Scot) 2mn; 16 02sec 1,500m; C. Cassertey (he) 4 47 16 80m hundles, J. Davis (hite) 11 9 300m hundles, J. Talad (Scot) 11 MG (Lagrats record) 4 x 100m nelsy: Iodard 47 87 Hgb; samp; M. Smeh (Scot) 11 MG (Lagrats record) 5 1 Thoual (Scot) 1 Thoual (Scot) 11 MG (Lagrats Record) 5 1 Thoual (Scot) 11 MG (Lagrats Record) 5 1 Thoual (Scot) 11 MG (Lagrats Record) 11 MG

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Atlanta braves make do with low-key home run



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HUGBY LEAGUE

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

HAVING heard that British Olympians had resorted to selling their kit in order to make ends meet in Atlanta, I was on the lookout for bargains outside Crystal Palace yesterday before the Performance Games. I rather fancied a Great Britain tracksuit. No go, unfortunately. Perhaps things were not as

bad as we have been led to believe. To hear people talk, one would imagine that Britain had won nothing at the Olympics. At least Britain's athletes secured some medals, while Terry Venables's football squad only managed the fair-play award in Euro 96; but then the Olympians did not have a catchy song. "Athletics is coming home" does not quite have the ring of that

Nothing, it seems, succeeds like perceived success.

Expectations are also a factor, as Ashia Hansen, fourth in the Olym-pic triple jump, said after setting a United Kingdom record of 14.67 metres yesterday. "There was a lot of pressure out there in Atlanta, and I put a lot of pressure on myself," she said, "I wasn't expecting to jump as well as I did today. I've been ill for a couple of days with a sore throat, coming back to the English weather, but today I was able to relax. It was the performance I was looking for at the Olympics."

As the announcer said, part of the function of this invitation meeting was to welcome Britain's Olympi ans back from Atlanta. After complaints about the steam bath climate, they were probably delighted to get back to cool, overcast and intermittently rainy south London. Like the weather, the attendance was patchy, although early forecasts of an embarrassingly small crowd were not borne out. Even so, the place was barely one-third full for

the return of Black, Edwards,

Lewis, Backley and friends.

"Coming back to a half-empty stadium is very depressing, and we all felt it, every one of us," Roger Black, a double silver medal-winner in Astanta could "Validate the statement of in Atlanta, said. "Is it because we didn't win any gold medals? I don't think so. British athletics should be

but this was too close to the last grand prix, and probably underpromoted. It's saddest for Linford, on possibly his last appearance at Crystal Palace." Unless Dave Bassett makes him an offer, that is. Christie signed off with a comfortable win in the 150 metres before saying: "I'll be back next year -

Like Black, Mark Richardson also a member of the 4 x 400 metres silver medal-winning team, and the winner of the 300 metres yesterday denied that popular reaction to Atlanta had been as negative as that in the media. "I've experienced mass hysteria, really," he said. "I didn't expect the reaction. You would have thought we'd won the gold."

Olympians from other countries

championships next year. You don't just he down and die at 40," she said, which will be a relief to many. Tony Jarrett, with a little fingerwaving as he won the 110 metres hurdles, was the closest the crowd saw to any of the triumphalism for which the Americans were criticised, although they had a lot to be triumphal about. Faint praise, on the other hand, may be as damag-

reports of her retirement had been exaggerated. I will be at the world

ing to British athletes chances as high hopes. "John Ridgeon — still unbeaten by a British athlete in Norway, for example, the 800 metres gold medal-winner, won the men's 1,000 metres, and the former 1996," the announcer said, putting world javelin champion, Karen Forkel, of Germany, beat Tessa Sanderson into second place. Apon the bravest face possible as Ridgeon faded from first over the final hurdle to a gallant third at the tape in the 400 metres hurdles. pearing to look towards the press The crowd had not been fooled, of box. Sanderson announced that

course. Their cheers had died away with Ridgeon's chances of victory. And they know what they like. A devil-take the hindmost men's 3,000 metres featured, yes, a man dressed as the Devil, complete with pitchfork, whose job it was to remove the back marker at the end of each lap. The tut-tutting in the press box was in contrast to the enjoyment of the crowd. Serious business, athletics. Atlanta a national tragedy? Maybe not quite.

TRIATHLON

Late charge by Lessing takes race by storm

THE image of triathlon is of sunny days, bronzed bodies and golden beaches in Hawaii or on the Côte D'Azur. When the International Triathlon Grand Prix made its entry into Britain yesterday it rained so hard that the start was postponed twice.

The race was delayed when word reached Longleat that brighter weather was on the way but, as the music on the public address suggested, it was Mission Impossible. After 65 minutes, officials gave up waiting for the deluge to stop and the 20 invited triathletes dived into the lake next to Longleat House,

If it was a typically British wintry summer's day, there was at least a typical victory to enjoy. Simon Lessing, the long course and standard distance world champion, pulled away

on the final three-kilometre run to take the overall grandprix lead after two of the eight races in the series.

The weather conditions made it very challenging." Lessing said. "You had to be careful not to slide out on the bike." Lessing and Brad Beven, the Australian who finished second, had to be especially careful. Two weeks hence they will be the main contestants in the standard distance world championship in Cleveland, Ohio.

Lessing said that his victory on the 10,000-acres Longleat estate was a jab in Beven's jaw. Beven was runner-up when the Briton took the standard distance title in Cancun, Mexico, last November. "Brad is going to be my main opposition in Cleveland and this gives me a little psychological advantage," Lessing said.

In contrast to championship racing, the \$1 million (about £660,000) grand prix, which is in its inaugural year, has put the emphasis on explosive competition. Yesterday the Enduro format was used. This involved a 500-metre swim, 14-kilometre ride and threekilometre run, repeating the dose without a break.

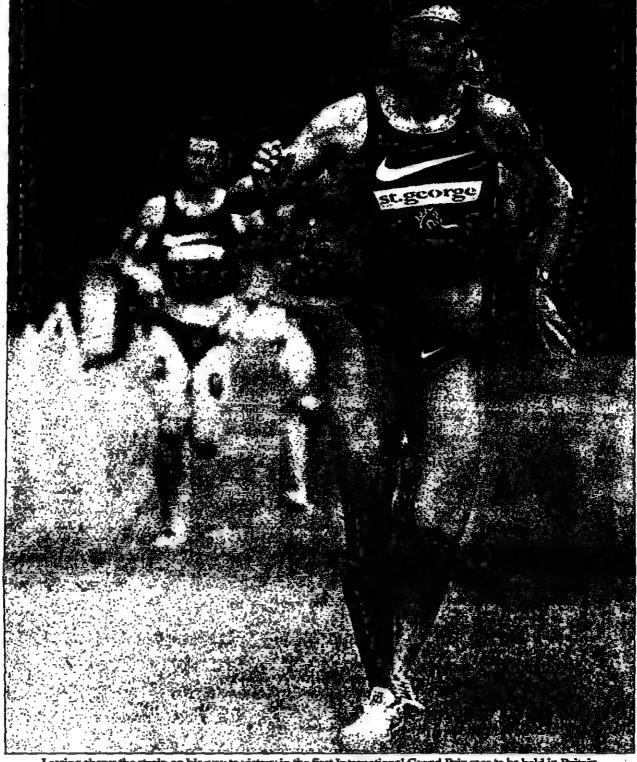
Lessing, third out of the water on the first lap, settled in the chasing group of riders for much of the second phase. However, by the end of the sixlap cycle course the two leading groups, comprising eight competitors, had closed together.

By the end of the second swim, the leading group was down to four, Lessing, Beven, Hamish Carter, from New Zealand, and Ben Wright, from Australia. They re-mained together through the ride but were broken up in the final transition when Carter. first out and barefoot, was Each competitor had been

introduced beforehand according to his sobriquet. Chris "The Professor" Hill, Brad "The Croc" Beven, Jimmy "The Cockroach" Riccitello, By the time it came to Greg Welch, water had got into the PA. "Greg - we call him Mickey Mouse, I'm sorry Mighty Mouse - Welch".

Although there was nothing to choose between the four leaders after five of the six sections, Lessing, a renowned strong runner, always looked the most likely winner. The sting in the race had been removed the day before when Spencer Smith, his fellow Briton and winner of the opening grand prix in Koblenz,

withdrew Smith fell down the stairs at his grandmother's home in Twickenham, hurting his ribs. After riding the bicycle course on Saturday, he decided he was not fit to compete. This quality of field you have to be 100 per cent," Smith said. "I



Lessing shows the strain on his way to victory in the first International Grand Prix race to be held in Britain

am not willing to show myself up." It was to have been the only race between the two Britons, the world's leading triathletes, in Britain this year. Smith, twice the standard distance world champion, will have an X-ray examination today to determine whether

his ribs are cracked or, as he believes, only bruised. Like Lessing, this was to have been his last race before turning his attention to a world title although, in Smith's case, his eyes are not on Cleveland.

Lessing is not defending his long course title in Muncie, Indiana, next month, but Smith is determined to make sure that both championships remain in British hands. He will return tomorrow to his home in San Diego, having moved there three years ago for warm-weather training, to prepare for Muncie. He has resolved, whatever the diagnosis, to train through with the world championships

The South African-born Les-

sing banked \$25,000 for his victory, recording 1hr 19min 2lsec. Beven, six seconds be-hind, took \$20,000 and Bright, who clocked 1:19-38, \$15,000

for third. Rarely can a sports event with so much prize-money have had such little spectator support, fewer than 1,000 in attendance. The adverse weather and out-of-town venue proved an unappealing combination and next year the event is likely to move to Bath City centre.

TENNIS

Agassi and Chang to clash in final again

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANDRE AGASSI and Michael Chang will meet for the ATP Championship title in Mason. Ohio, for the second successive year after beating Thomas Muster and Thomas Enqvist, respectively, in the

Agassi, the defending champion and sixth seed, still on a high after winning the Olympic gold medal, dominated Muster, the second seed, throughout his 6-4, 6-1

"I think my motivation is really simple," Agassi said. "Muster is world No 2 and has been playing good tennis, so I wanted to go out there and prove I could win the match." Muster admitted he had no answer to Agassi's onslaught. Chang, third seed, reached his fourth successive final of this event, which he won in 1993 and 1994, with a 6-1, 2-6,

6-2, win over Enqvist, the tenth seed - his first victory over the Swede, who had won their three previous meetings. "I don't think I served very well," Enqvist said. "I was trying to play aggressively

and I must be on top of the

Agassi, the world No 7, has won ten of his 16 meetings

Sánchez Vicario, the leading seeds in the du Maurie Canadian Open in Montreal, had little trouble in coming through their respective semifinals to book a meeting in the

Seles, who is the defending champion, top seed and joint world No i, beat the unseeded Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia, 6-0, 6-3, while Sanchez Vicario, the second seed, saw off the American, Kimberly Po. 6-0.

27-month absence. Sanchez Vicario was report-

of Fahey's power ROBERT FAHEY, the world champion, underlined his supremacy when he beat the British No l, Julian Snow, in straight sets to win the Australian Open real tennis championship. Fahey, who had looked vulnerable earlier in

Snow melts in face

the tournament, dropping two sets to the unseeded Mike Happell, was fast and aggressive against Snow, making full use of his home advantage on the unpredictable Hobart court and forcing with extraordinary accuracy on almost every point. Snow fought gallantly, attempting to break up his opponent's rhythm, but failed to make an impression.

Kate Leeming, of Great Britain, the new Harbour Club assistant professional, inflicted a crushing defeat on the highly experienced Karen Toates, wife of the Melbourne professional, Barry, to reach the semi-final of the Australian Open women's championship at Hobart.

Pankratov best again

SWIMMING: Dennis Pankratov, of Russia, set a world record of 23.68sec in the 50 metres butterfly at a meeting in Mulhouse, France, on Saturday, beating the previous record by 0.37sec. The previous record of 24.05sec was set by Byron Davis, of the United States, in Indianapolis in March. Pankratov is the Olympic champion and world recordholder over 100 and 200 metres butterfly.

England sweep board

SHOOTING: England's clay pigeon shooters dominated the Express World Sporting Championship at the West Midland Shooting Ground yesterday, winning 12 medals. Carl Bloxham, of Warwickshire, won the senior gold medal ahead of George Digweed, the three-times world champion. Glenn Eller III, of the United States, won the junior title. All four team gold medals were also won by England.

Ball finds the target

RIFLE SHOOTNG: The Great Britain touring team dominated the British Columbia Rifle Championships, winning four of the five aggregates and three single-range Officer Nigel Ball, from Hampshire, the eventual winner of the overall championship, and Chris-Weeden, from Kent, who finished third behind Mike Dunia, of the United States.

Lacey dies aged 75

RUGBY UNION: Eric Lacey, the president of Leicester during their centenary season in 1980-81, died yesterday. He was 75 and had been suffering from ill health for some time. Lacey played 175 times for Leicester as a lock forward and also appeared for the Barbarians. He would have completed 50 years' service to the club as both player and administrator

Woolmer impressed by display of youthful skills

BY IVO TENNANT

TO QUALIFY for the semifinals of the Lombard World Challenge, the compelling inaugural under-15 World Cup, England, who have gained victories over Canada and Zimbabwe, have to win their final group A match at Lensbury in west London today. If they lose, West Indies, their opponents, will go through with India. Likewise, South Africa have to beat Australia to join either Pakistan, who have won their first three matches, or Sri Lanka from group B.

There was a rest day yesterday, at least for the boys, who have mixed together well. In celebration of the competition, a charity celebrity match was staged at Oundle School, the bowling opened by Devon Malcolm and ... Samantha Fox. She had one reasonably presentable over, although this was not exactly what Bob Woolmer, the South Africa coach, was referring to when he declared how impressed he was at the standard of the cricket he had seen during the

first week. The very fact that Woolmer was present, at a time when he



was supposed to be on holiday, was testimony to the thoroughness with which South Africa plan for the future. He believes that the replacements for the likes of Donald and de Villiers will come from this age group. In other words, he is looking for some of these 15-year-olds to be Test cricketers within the

next four years. There have been other familiar figures at Oundle, a school with impressive pitches. Indeed, one of them arrived to visit his son at 2am last Thursday, only to find him, not surprisingly, asleep in the dormitories that are housing the boys. Abdul Qadir, the great Pakistani leg spinner, always had a sense of the

dramatic. In the marriage hall that he runs in Lahore, there is a mural depicting a young Imran Khan with full, sensuous lips. Qadir named his son after his former captain.

The Pakistanis are perhaps the strongest team in the two groups. Imran Qadir, al-though he lost his length last week, has already mastered the googly. Bazid Khan, Majid's son, who is expected to progress as quickly as the captain, Faisal Iqbal, attends Aitchison College in Lahore, which in terms of educational standards and sporting facilities is comparable to the top public schools in England Both Majid and Imran Khan went there.

The teams that cannot now qualify are Canada and Holland - neither of whom won any of their four matches Zimbabwe and, surprisingly in the light of the pride they take in developing young cricketers, Australia, who have won only once.

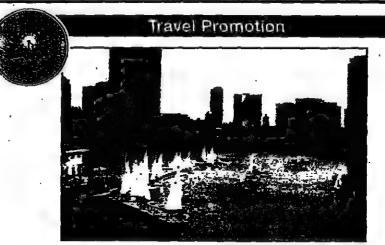
Rather than fly home, the teams from these countries will take part in a mini tournament at Oundle this week, while the semi-finalists move on to Trent Bridge and

points all the time to beat with Chang.

Monica Seles and Arantoa

The final will be the first clash between the pair since Seles returned to competition a year ago at this event after a

ed as opposing the special ranking accorded to Seles after her stabbing in Hamburg in April 1993. But after beating the unseeded Po. the Spaniard played down any suggestion the final would be



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RUGBY UNION: LAST-QUARTER RALLY PUTS NEW ZEALAND IN MOOD TO WIN FIRST SERIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

All Blacks set sights on higher prize

BY DAVID HANDS THIS MAY have been the

final match of the southern hemisphere's inaugural tri-nations series, but New Zealand have turned it into the entree for the only prize in world rugby to have eluded them, a series win in South Africa, for which the host country will be shorn of their dispirational captain, François Pienaar.

Thus victory in Cape Town on Saturday, in a final-quarter rally stunning even by their own standards, has laid down marker for the next three internationals that form part of the All Blacks tour. Significantly, it was achieved without Jonah Lomu, the giant wing who has come to personify the new All Blacks,

There have been those --notably in England, who suffered at his hands in the World Cup semi-final on the same lands ground last year who have made Lomu the difference between New Zealand and the rest. A damaged knee had not mended in time b allow him to play against South Africa, yet New Zealand still had the physical, and mental, resources to overcome the boulder that is the home

At 18-6 down early in the second half, New Zealand's cause looked bleak. They had lost Little, their centre, they were making numerous mistakes on a slippery surface and they had conceded two tries to the World Cup holders. But the South Africa scrum never attained the dominance that André Markgraaf, their coach, may have expected and Ian Jones brought New Zea-land back into the lineout

The game of the future may feature close support work and second phase but the ability to compete at the setpieces remains a prerequisite. That was never better illus-Pated than when New Zealand pounded away with multi-phase movements only to get their crucial try - their first in 390 minutes of striving against these opponents



Ian Jones, the New Zealand lock, bursts through the despairing tackles of the South Africa lock, Steve Atherton (left), and prop, Os du Randt the loss of Pienaar with half an

hour still to play affected the

result, which leaves New Zee-

land unbeaten at the top of the

tri-nations table and South

Africa rooted to the bottom.

The balance of back-row

Brooke. It earned them the lead for the first time in the match with only nine minutes

The two facets of the game go hand-in-hand, of course, with New Zealand's speed of movement sapping the strength of a tiring defence. Yet the try by Osborne, ironically, Lomu's replacement. featured wonderful accuracy by Mehrtens in the pass, by Cullen in the line of his run and by Osborne, himself, as he stepped inside three cover-ers. Most of all, it illustrated

the commitment to attack that is now the trademark of the All Blacks.

Moreover, Fitzpatrick's men kept their heads. While South Africa plunged back to the New Zealand 22, there was a frenetic edge to their play that had not been there earlier and which culminated in a bout of ill temper and a double penalty to New Zealand. Mehrtens kicked them to the lineout, from which Dowd dived over for the try that sealed South Africa's fate. It is a moot point whether

defence was upset, Andrews moving to the blind-side flank from lock because there was

no specialist back-row forward on the South Africa bench; the captaincy passed to the experienced Teichmann. Both Piensar and du Randt, the loose-head prop, left the

heads immobilised. X-rays revealed that Pienaar had suffered a slipped vertebra and will not play for at least three weeks while du Randt had suffered concussion and must rest for the mandatory 30 days. Both players will miss the back-to-back internationals this month, beginning this Saturday in Durban.

Unsure England to | American dream to shape future

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

carry on planning

THEIR international programme in the new year may remain in doubt but England's playing preparations are going forward space. Jack Rowell, the national manager, watched yesterday's international between South Africa and New Zealand in Cape Town while John Elliott, the national development officer, will watch four of England's hopefuls in action for the Barbarians against Scotland

next Saturday. A squad of 45 — albeit without such luminaries as Will Carling, Dean Richards and Rory Underwood — has already met to train at Bisham Abbey and it will reassemble on September 4 as England build towards their first commitment of the season, against Italy at Twickenham on Nov-

"We have our problems but, for the first time ever, we have a planned season," Elliott, who will be watching Tony Underwood and the Leicester front row at Murrayfield, said. "In the past we have flown by the seat of our pants. Next season we will know exactly when we have our players and that's a huge

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breakthrough." It is intended to bring the under-21 elite development squad to train with the seniors at Bisham, though the international planning is being affected by the uncertainty of the colleagues intend to build sessions around the Anglo-Weish midweek tournament, except that no one yet knows whether that competition will get off the ground.

Whether England's post-Christmas programme of five nations' matches takes place remains in the hands of the game's politicians but, irrespective of that, their three pre-Christmas internationals do not compare with those of Wales, who could be involved in as many as six preparatory matches before next February. Beginning with the meeting

with the Barbarians in Cardiff on August 24, Wales move on to games with France (September 25], Italy (in Rome on October 5), and South Africa (Cardiff, December 15). In addition, they hope that Australia will be able to fit in an extra international in late November, on the back of their scheduled tour of Scotland and Ireland, and the United States will make a brief visit in January, culminating in an international with Wales

on January 1!.

The revised Welsh coaching panel now includes Paul Turner, who will assist Swansea's Mike Ruddock with the emerging players. Turner, the new director of coaching at Bedford, was interviewed for the post of coach to England's Under-21 team last season.

f the southern hemisphere's tri-nations tournament, which concluded

on Saturday, has illustrated one element above all others it is the narrow plateau which exists at the top of world rugby. New Zealand enjoy supremacy and there are no more than five other countries capable of extending, let alone defeating, them.

That is an unhealthy situation for a sport hoping to promote itself as a genuine international competitor and one that stands high on the agenda of Tom Wacker, the merican who is now the chief executive of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB). It is Wacker's responsibility to help manage the process of change in which rugby union is now involved as it moves into the professional arena.

"I think rugby union can take control of its own destiny, I hope it can," Wacker, 53, said. If not, the genial former prop from Indianapolis will want to know why. He is one of the new generation of rugby administrators, including Richard Jasinski (Wales), Philip Browne (Ireland) and David Moffett (New Zealand) with no illustrious playing background to speak of but a proven career of success in

Though one of his initial tasks is to oversee next month the removal of the board from its Bristol home to St Stephen's Green in Dublin, Wacker sees the IRFB funetion as threefold: to adminisDavid Hands meets the man overseeing

the process of change in rugby union

ter and control rugby's laws in a uniform manner, to develop the game and improve playing standards and to promote rugby so that it becomes more reicvant as an international

"Playing tournaments is the best promotion which is why we will throw some of our influence on the world youth tournament which the Federation International de Rugby Amateur has run successfully for several years and the women's world tournament." Wacker said. That is in addition to the Rugby World Cup and the RWC sevens.

"It's not good for the game that Australia, who beat Canada and Wales by such large

margins, should lose as beavily as they did to New Zealand in Wellington," Wacker said.
"I think we should have closer games between the top sides. I would like to see 20 teams worldwide playing within 20 points of each other.

That would be a credible goal for the IRFB to try to achieve, within five years. It would be too soon for the 1999 World Cup, though we can at least get better in that time. We have to break it down and understand why New Zealand play so well: is it numbers, is it their schools programme, do talented young players elsewhere choose to play, say. Australian rules or rugby league?

Wacker wants to raise the international profile of rugby

"We at the board have to ask ourselves how we can influence the sport youngsters choose to play, and, after they have chosen, examine whether the quality of coaching, physical fitness and mental reparation which New Zealand offer is so much better."

Having, in Lee Smith, a New Zealander as the IRFB. technical director allows the board to offer informed advice on the subject of selfimprovement, but it remains a source of concern to Wacket that the home of the game -Britain — is only slowly coming to terms with professionalism. "It's hard to change people's minds overnight but that fact is that rugby is now an open game and it will never go back," he said.

The change was inevitable. Rughy league was intending to offer big money to the New Zealanders and Australians, the World Rugby Corporation was planning a professional tournament and the southernhemisphere countries were negotiating with Rupert Mur doch's organisation. The fourth alternative, to stay anateur, was not an alternative.

"I hope we can keep it under sufficient control, although I think it will take two or three years to sort out. Expenses have gone up like a rocket but revenue has stayed more or less the same. Lots of liabilities, not too many more assets and it will have to come back a bit before a premier league settles into place, inter-nationally and nationally in

Smooth start by Silk 2 secures class

Edward Gorman reviews the honours

list at an incident-packed Cowes Week

settled on the last day of racing at Skandia Life Cowes Week on Saturday. Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2 sailed her best race of the regatta, in 20 knots of breeze, to take a well-earned win in Class I from Glynn Williams's Wolf.

The two yachts - both Bashford-Howison 41s - had enjoyed close racing all week, with the lighter Wolf giving her sister ship 20 seconds an hour on handicap. In the end it all came down to the last race with both yachts clear of the

chasing pack.

Mark Heeley, the helmsman on Silk 2, said: "We started better than they did, got ahead on the first shift and then stayed ahead all the way round. It turned out to be our best overall result - we beat them on the water by over three minutes."

Hecley, with Whithread veterans Gordon Maguire and Steve Hales as skipper and navigator, finished with impressive results. He had four wins and two seconds and was able to discard a further second and a retirement, Wolf, with former Whithread skipper Matt Humphries at the wheel, had three wins, a second and two thirds, discounting a third and a fifth,

The victory for Silk 2 came after a brush with tragedy last Tuesday. She was surfing along under spinnaker at 17 knots about half a mile to the west of the Bramble Bank, when the breeze suddenly increased from 35 to 45 knots and she tripped up and almost

pitch-poled. Instantly overpowered, Silk 2 alid down a wave and carried on going. She pivoted for a moment with her stern sticking up at right angles to the surface of the water and with all her deck in front of the mast submerged: She then fell away to port and righted

Ed Waller, the son of the owner and the most inexperienced crew member, was the rig and then went under the boat as it rolled on top of him. Happily, he was quickly recovered, shaken but unhurt. Remarkably, Silk 2 emerged survived intact and some superficial damage was repaired

Adam Gosling, who won the Etchells world championship at Cowes in June, followed up with a resounding win in the class, emerging at the end of the seven-race series on Saturday with 3.75 points. With his world championship-winning crew of David Howlett and Mark Cavell again on board, Gosling, on Yes!, notched up five wins, including one in the

"We had a winning team so we thought after the world championship we'd do Cowes and have a fun week and a holiday," Gosling said, He will be going to Hong Kong for a pre-world championship regatta in November, in preparation for his title defence there next year. "It's one thing to win the world title," he said. "Trying to stay on top is the hard bit."

The Solent Sunbeam fleet lost two races for the second year running when there was far too much on the fourth. Yet despite this, no discard was allowed which perhaps influenced the final results overmuch.

Alan Stannah, with Jenny. emerged the winner for the third year in a row with a consistent but not sparkling performance. John and Jane Maxwell's Harmony finished just a point behind. Roger Wickens, with Danny, had the best results in the first three with three wins and a second. but could not shed a disqualification from race one and had

The feature of the week in the class, however, was undoubtedly the appearance of Polly, skippered by Jonathan Money — the first Falmouth Sunbeam to take on the Itchenor-based Cowes Week fleet since 1971, Polly, which does not normally sail with a spinnaker, was sporting a slightly bigger jib than her hosts and was definitely quicker upwind.

Money put together three wins, a second and a disqualification, before packing up to return to Falmouth on Friday night. He is coming back next year and is hoping that more Cornish boats will join him....

its own starts for the first time in ten years, was won by Ludde Ingvall's Grand Mistral .one-design Nicorette, which celebrated with an unsuccessful attempt on Longobarda's Round-the-Island record on Saturday.

One other notable performance was that of the Class Four winner Owl, a Contessa 33 owned by Peter Bruce, which finished with just 4.5 points after winning six of the seven races she sailed.

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Chasing Olympic gold now a serious business

t may be an unpalatable thought for those suffering from sports fatigue after sitting through every event at Atlanta, but the real race for gold at the next Olympic Games has already started.

For the moment, the battle will be fought outside the Olympic arena and have more to do with scoring points in the political than the boxing ring. But the upshot of Great Britain's dismal showing in Atlanta looks likely to result in the nation finally learning to treat Olympic sports as a serious business.

Britain's less than flattering position in the medals table is a legacy of an amateur fradition that has bequeathed a rickety funding structure but, despite the nation's penchant for glorious defeats, being a good amateur is no longer enough to guarantee even modest success on

the world stage.

Some competitors, especially the more glamorous athletes, have been able to make the leap to a truly professional footing, but most of the British Olympians will always lack the televisual appeal that is central to the financial boom in sports such as football and rugby. Equally, the big sports companies will only ever be looking to back the real crowd-pullers in the 100 metres final. It is never going to be a realistic business venture providing large sponsorship contracts to the rifle-shooting team, whose brief moment of glory only arrives once every

The two chunks of lottery money that have been prom-

ised to help to support athletes in the next lew years will help to plug the gap. The £100 million mooted for the establishment of a national academy of sport is only a headline figure - no one is quite certain how much the project will cost at this stage. The tendering process for the central academy and the specialist regional centres has only just begun. But it seems likely that the private sector will also have a role to play, topping up funds for facilities in return for a sponsorship name.

A further £30 million of lottery money has been pledged to help to meet the training costs



of athletes. Again, the true cost can only be guessed at and the private sector is likely to be asked to help contribute.

A few private-sector companies had already begun to play a role in helping British sport before the Olympics. Mercury Asset Management (MAM), the City-based fund management group, is not the kind of business that would normally be associated with

sport. But MAM has invested around £60,000 in the past two years, helping several young Olympians to reach the games. MAM's support yielded one oustanding success — Ben Ainslie, who at 19 became the youngest Olympic sailor to win a medal.

MAM channelled its support through the Sports Aid Foundation, a voluntary organisation that provides financial support to up-andcoming athletes from the age of 12. The Sports Aid Foundation is a classic example of the archaic nature of sports funding in this country.

dependent on voluntary contribtions and fund raising events for its £2 million budget. The foundation says that the poor showing in

the Olympics has already prompted a number of other companies to come forward and offer some help. Seeboard, the electricity company based in the South East, has already unveiled a £100,000 sponsorship programme for five athletes drawn from its area.

Realistically, Olympians are never going to attract the kind of money ploughed into other professional sports. The attraction for the private sector, though, is that this form of sponsorship is in tune with the kind of community-based charity expenditure that most large companies already make. It has, however, little in common with the huge marketing exercises undertaken by official sponsors of the Games and is unlikely ever to appeal to the Coca-Colas of this world. Investing in athletes will allow companies in less glamorous industries to dream a little of sharing the glory of a British gold in 2000.

ALASTAIR MURRAY

The pre-race parade went routinely enough but the blaring hunting horns might have hinted at what was to come. Five minutes after Cigar was prematurely fanfared he was but a helpless fox, ruthlessly outmanoeu-vred by a pack of blood-thirsty

So the dream was gone, buried in the quicksands of southern California. There was to be no passing Citation's twentieth century record of 16 consecutive victories.

The cause was lost when two sacrificial horses harried him to the point of exhaustion, leaving Dare And Go, an unconsidered 40-1 outsider ridden by Alex Solis, to pounce for the easiest of kills in the \$1 million Pacific Classic here on

Much later, as the shock dissipated from more than 44,000 racegoers, all that remained was a mountain of discarded betting tickets, most purchased as souvenirs of the moment that never came. This is earthquake territory and Cigar's eclipse registered highly on the Richter Scale of sporting upsets.

Yet his trainer, Bill Mott, was as gracious in defeat as he has been through more than two years of unbroken success. He recognised that human error had cruelly robbed Cigar of the laurels.

It is particularly sad to witness the felling of a thoroughbred hero. The equine face, forever set in its expression, betrays no emotion. Yet in watching the horse two hours after his defeat, it was evident that something had snapped. For days he had stood aloof, arching his neck to the prying cameras. Now he was broken, his head lowered, his eye dulled by the pain of defeat.

Back at the barn, where hundreds had once gathered to fete his every move, Cigar was alone as Mott examined his frame for evidence of injury. There was none. "He just knew he got beat," Mott said yesterday before flying back to his base in New York. "He was a bit lower than what I've seen him after his races. Otherwise, he seems

These were poignant moments for the likeable trainer. With Cigar almost certain to assume stud duites at the year's end, Mott's days with the horse are numbered. He is already assembling memories but this will be the one he treasures

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least. "I've been thinking lately that time is winding down," he said. He added: "It would be nice if I could find a few more minutes in the day to spend with him. I have braced myself for him to get beaten but this time I found I was preparing myself a little bit more. I

can't say why."

Mott's pre-race reflections might provide the answer. He was anxious about the presence of Siphon, a free-running spirit who had frac-tured his field on his last start.

Together with Jerry Bailey, Cigar's regular rider, Mott was reluctant to let Siphon enjoy the uncontested lead on which the Brazilian-bred thrives. Thus Cigar latched onto Siphon's tail from the start, his close attentions frustrating Siphon into a frantic gallop from which both horses would

n racing they say the clock is like a mirror: it never lies. Cigar's prowess is such that he might have coped with an opening half-mile completed in 45.6sec.

That sort of pace is generated by five-furlong sprinters but Cigar had twice as far to travel. And the situation degenerated beyond re-pair when Dramatic Gold rushed up on Cigar's outside to force the nace even faster.

Thus Bailey was on the horns of an uncomfortable dilemma. He knew the pace was untenable, but to ease off would have invited Dramatic Gold to move alongside and trap him behind Siphon. As Bailey later recounted: "That would have put me at their mercy. I just couldn't take that chance.

On they pressed, reaching the mile in Imin 33.6sec, just 0.4sec off the track record for that distance. Dramatic Gold had long since floundered and Siphon's stride had shortened dramatically.

When Cigar moved to the front he was cheered to the rafters, but he carried the gait of a punch-drunk heavyweight. He briefly responded when Dare And Go, sensibly restrained from the early chase, drew alongside in the home straight. Then he succumbed, paralysed by nothing more sinister than sheer exhaustion

Mott immediately offered the perfect analysis. "In this game there are a million ways to get beaten but only one way to win by finishing first. As I watched the race unfold, I knew the first halfmile was too fast. At that point I believe Jerry [Bailey] would have backed off from Siphon, but Dramatic Gold forced the entire issue. it was as much down to human error as any flaw in the horse's

Il along Mott has insisted that Cigar's unbroken se-Quence was a consequence of the six-year-old's excellence rather than desire to crunch numbers. If some questioned his assertion, they had their comeuppance in the trainer's deportment. Amid the mayhem, he was the most composed individual as the carcass was picked dean.

"I don't find any relief at all in the fact that Cigar has been beaten." he ventured. "We played the game wrong and it was somebody else's turn. The streak is over. I realise it was something very special but we have absolutely no excuses. There are other races to aim at." Indeed there are, although none will offer the same opportunity to rewrite equine history.

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Solis rides high in the saddle on the victor, Dare And Go, in contrast to Bailey who has stooped low on the vanquished Cigar

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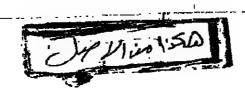
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RACING: BOLGER'S 20-1 CHANCE KEEPS BRITISH JUVENILES AT BAY

Mantovani pulls the strings

CORRESPONDENT AT LEOPARDSTOWN

MANTOVANI, the lesser fan-cied of trainer Jim Bolger's two runners, sprang a 20-1 surprise in the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes here yesterday, bearing the Mick Channontrained Muchea by two lengths with the favourite, Verglas, just edging out Ocean Ridge for third place.

The winner survived a siewards' inquiry into an incident

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two furlongs out where Muchea's jockey, Richard Hughes, reported that he had met interference.

Conor Everard, 25, riding anly his third winner of the season, guided Mantovani up the rail on the inside of stable companion. Azra, who then made contact with Muchea, but the stewards ruled that Mantovani had not caused the

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interference. Channon shrugged it off and said: "I'm not complaining but I thought we were a little unfortunate. We travelled well but the winner got the run of the race. My fellow will probably go for a group race at Baden-Baden in two weeks' time, then the Middle Park Stakes. That will be it for

John Reid had Ocean Ridge,

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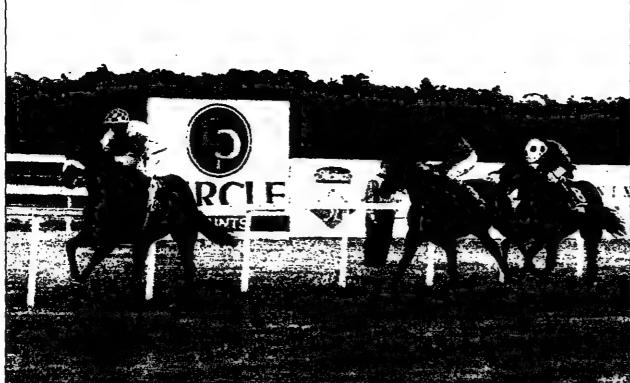
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2.00 STRATFIELDSAYE SELLING STAKES

3.00 CAVIAR ROYALE (nep)

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Mantovani draws clear to spring a 20-1 surprise at Leopardstown yesterday. Photograph: Caroline Norris

trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, in the front line throughout but the Prix Robert Papin winner was outpaced from the furlang pole. Reid said: "She just didn't pick up in the last furlong and that might be because the ground was a little soft, but I've no

excuses. She ran a good race." A jubilant Everard, who only found out he was riding Mantovani on Friday, was landing his first pattern race success. He said: "I was niggling the whole way, was never travelling early on but he's as tough as nails.'

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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Bolger was winning the Heinz for the second time and felt the soft ground contributed to his coit's surprising victory. "I knew he'd handle the soft but I've only managed to get him back into serious work in the last three weeks. He got a touch of sore shins

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Princess Danielle (4.00 Windsor) Next best: Our Shadee (3.30 Windsor)

(£4,502: 1m 67yd) (15 runners)

3.30 HOYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP

after his last run," Bulger said. The trainer added: "I was guing to run him in the group three Anglesey Stakes next. but things are altogether different now.

Hughes had better luck in the group three Phoenix Sprint when bringing Daring Destiny from last to first to heat the favourite, Farhana. with two other British-trained horses, Leap For Joy and Woodborough, in third and

Daring Destiny was Wantage trainer Karl Burke's first winner in Ireland. He said:

"It's always been an ambition of mine to win in Ireland. where my parents are from. and to win a group race with Daring Destiny. I always said she would.

"She was injured in a race in Hamburg last year and we worked hard through the winter to get her back." the trainer reported. He added: "She'll go for a group two at Baden-Baden at the end of the month. but I would love to get an invitation for the Hong Kong Bowl over seven furlongs at the end of the year. That would be ideal for her."

Haydock next for Anabaa

By Our French Racing CORRESPONDENT

ANABAA completed six consecutive victories this year with a fluent success in the £65,876 Prix Maurice de Gheest (612 furlongs) on good

yesterday. Freddie Head held up the 2-1 on chance this time, and brought him through to take over from Young Ern with a furiong to run. Europe's leading sprinter had 12 lengths to spare over Miesque's Son, who gained second place by a head from Danehill Dancer. Of the other British raiders, Iktamal was fourth, Blue

Duster fifth, Young Ern seventh and Easy Dollar eighth.
Criquette Head described
Anabaa as "one of the best 1
have trained" and said that his next outing will be in the Haydock Park Sprint Cup, a race which the French won last year with Cherokee Rose, on September 7.

The Rae Guest-trained My Emma (Cash Asmussen) fin-ished a close third behind Sangria and Binary in the £28,986 Prix de Psyche (10f) at Deauville on Saturday. She

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8.15 EVANS OF LEICESTER MERCEDES-UENZ UMTTED STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,881: 1m 3f) (11)

7.45 TRAVELSPHERE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O. £3,071 · 7(9yd) (13)

DRAG, NO ADVANTAGE

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2.15 Miss Souter, 2.45 Sticky Money, 3.15 Coast Along, 3.45 Circus Colours, 4.15 Scaraben, 4.45 Last Laugh,

2.15 enigma conditional Jockeys selling Handicap Hurdle (£1,849, 3m) (4 tunners) 4 Rampart Riese, 8-4 Mes Seuter, 3-1 Cronsboo Crown, 8-1 Personiti

GOING, GOOD TO SOFT (7.30AM INSPECTION)

2.45 pomp and circumstance novices chase (£3,101: $2m\ 70$ (3)

1-3 Stday Witney, 9-4 Philitrago 16-1 Ghada 3.15 NIMROD HANDICAP HURBLE (£2,268: 2m 4t) (5)

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2 31-2 CLEAN EDGE 40 (f) J Macket 4-11-5 ... E Hockard (3)
3 -463 FORSETPU, 10 (F,G) D Burchet 7-11-3 ... D J Burchet
4 -51 COAST ALDING 25 (CDF,E) P Brain 4-11-2. W Modifiangum
5 -843 FRST CRACK 10 (0,F,E,S) F Juntan 11-10-9 ... S Wyone 7-4 Clean Edge, 9-4 Fieldridge, 4-1 Cleat Along, 9-2 First Credi, 8-1 Foxgethal BLINICERED FIRST TIME: Leicester, 6-15 Shandane, Eager To Picasor 6-45 Prince Zizm 7-15 Forecast, Thirels: 6-30 Too Hasty, 8-30 Dande Riye: Worcester, 2-15 Rampare Rosse 4-45 Burnt Servia

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THUNDERER 6.00 Allinson's Mate. 6.30 Royal Ceilidh. 7.00 Cambridge Ball. 7.30 Sudden Spin. 8,00 Toronto. 8.30 U-No-Harry. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.00 CAMERIDGE BALL.

GOING GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F. HIGH BEST

6.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,564: 1m) (12 runners)

6.30 CHEQUE BOOK HANDICAP

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10136 - ROYAL CELLON 54 (CD.F.G) Denis Smith

4023 - 78RT 9 | FirstSmith 9-4

40-2 - FRILE PHARYTASY 17 P Cabler 9-0

50062 - ERIC'S BETT 37 (B.D.G) F Murph 8-9

604 - RAGA (RACER 10 Mar.) 4 Romstein 6-4

7 - 3030 - LUCKY BEA 27 (D.G) M W Extenty 8-4

8 - 0050 - TOO HASTY 6 (B.A) 7 Extenty 7-12

9 - 63-4 FIRMY 14 D Nichols 7-11

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7.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

7.30 Union trucks for scania HANDICAP (£3,175 2m) (11)

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4004 ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 11 (0.6) A Barley 7-10-0
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700 FROMTER FLIGHT 11 (6) Miss 1.5 (100M 6-8-3
4000 ELA MAR HOWA 10 (f.6) A Barley 5-9-3
6721 SHIPELY SUE 5 (D.F. G.) Michardza 3-9-2 (46a) ...
5140 SUBDOM SPN 6 (*) F. G.) Michardza 3-9-2 (46a) ...
5140 SUBDOM SPN 6 (*) F. G.) Michardza 3-9-2 (46a) ...
14505 AMORRES (§ D.D.) Michards 6-9-0 ... 1
3225 SHARP SENSATION 6 (6) D Barter 6-8-8 ... J.E.
0-06 MALINELD 17 Etherngton 3-7-10 :-1 Shirley Sue, 7-2 Uncle Daug, 5-1 Amarge, 6-1 Stadden Stan, 7-1 others.

8.00 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,357: 5f) (12)

5-2 Toronto, 7-2 Martine, 4-1 Sylvan Denox, 6-1 Jedr Knight, 8-1 others.

8.30 scania 4-series king of the road

HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,027: 51) (11)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: J Functione, 6 synonys hom 21 numers, 28.6%, C Wall, 3 from 11, 27.3%; B McAlaban, 5 hom 24, 20.8%, M Johnston, 16 from 98, 16.3%, Mix J Renysdon, 8 from 64, 14.1%.

3.45 PLUMB CENTER HANDICAP HURDLE

2-1 Royal Thurble, 9-4 Sarpaton, 4-1 Lancer, 8-1 High Time, 8-1 Circus, Colours,

4.15 GERONTIUS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

1 904 SCARABON 8F (8.5) S RetireeN 8-11-19 ... R Johnson
2 2976 CAXTON 15 (F.5) J White 9-11-8 ... B Fenton
3 -7-2) WILLE MARST 25 (CD.) R Profess
4 40-5 ASTOUNDED 20 Winds 9-11-4 ... D Winds (3)
5 (34- HARROW WAY 104 L Wells 6-10-11 ... S McHall 7-4 Scentism, 9-4 Carlon, 3-1 Writte Mount, 7-1 Harrow Way, 8-1 Assounded

4.45 CHANSON MARES DNLY NOVICES HURDLE

-116 REGAL CEM 25 (BF.F.R) C Barwell 5-10-10
00-P SISTER JAM 86 R Prec 5-10-10 ... JR Karvanoph
6-8 BURN GEWAS 9 (J. Macra 4-10-7 ... JR Karvanoph
23 FORGUTTEN EMPRESS 9 S Kettlewell 4-10-7 ... R Johnson
10-145T LUSER 1266 R Basing 4-10-7 ... T J Marphy
SADLEN'S PEARL 388F R Philips 4-10-7 ... B Powell 7-4 Last Lough, 9-4 Regal Com., 11-4 Forgotten Empress, 7-1 athers.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WORCESTER: Trainers: C Banuell, 8 senter; from 31 numers, 25 8%, M Pipe, 30 from 120, 25 0%, K Badley, 20 from 91, 22,0%, R Prize, 5 from 32, 15,6%, Joedanys: J Callony, 4 senters from 19 rider, 27,1%, M Williamstern, 20 from 112, 17 9%, A Marquire, 25 from 135, 16,3%, D Bridgateter, 21 from 136, 15 4%. programs, 21 majn 159, 1574.
LEICESTERT Trainers: N Cacil, 19 moners both 75 namers, 25.3%, M Statle, 13 hom 62, 21.0%, 3 burslep, 22 from 119, 18.5%, H Thomson Jones, 4 from 24, 16.7%, Jockeys: Pat Eddery 31 wassers from 142 (des., 21.3%), Dave O'Neill, 4 hom 26, 14.3%, Paul Eddery, 11 hom 92, 12.0%, 1 Outen, 17 from 146, 11.6%.

Haydock Park Gaing: good to firm

2.15 (57 1. Snep Crackle Pop (Pas) Edden, 100-30, 2. Loch-Hum Lady (20-1) 3. Fruitara (11-2) Hoh Dencer 13-8 lav 9 nm Hs. 11-1 R. Johnson Houghton Tole 2.3 90, 21-40, C38-0, 21-50, DF. 247-50 Time 246-30 CSF CS5-47

Going: good to firm 2.00 (1m ³³) 1. Fine Data! (W Ryan, 15-2): 2. Farrends (11-2) 3. Ledy Joshua (11-10 lay). 8 ran Nit, 4! R Charlion Tote: \$0.20. \$2.10. \$1.50. \$1.10 DF \$2.90 CSF \$42.81. 2min 30.12sec

2591 65 1mm 33 549cc 335 (7f) 1, Cateralit fall Hills. 20-11. 2, Fernanda (7-1). 3. Denomy Drop (6-1). Literary 11-4 fav. 10 car. Hd. 11-1 W Happes Total £19.60; £29.0, £2.70 £2.40 DF £51.90. Tho £64.80 CSF £143.01. 4min 27 26sec. 4.10 (7f) 1, Polar Princa & Roberton, 9-1, Newmarker Correspondent's napl; £2. Prace Babbet (11-2). 3. Compton Hill 11-2; Almuharm 9-2 fav. 14 min 34, 44 M Jants Total £12.10 £3.90. £250, £250. DF £22.70 fax £29.70 CSF £56.77 Tecast £39.29 [min 25.21sec. 40.66]. 1 Discontin 18 Roberton 9-2-2.

4-40 (6) 1. Disputed iP Robinson, 9-3; 2, Nigni Hils (7-2 lav), 3. Lucky Archie (20-1). 4 ran Hil, 51 M lavns Tote: 65 00, 22 30. 21 50, 23 60 DF-116 80 Tot 987 10 CSF-159 89 Term 13.90 sec. Winner's time of from 13.90 sec. was hand-bried. 5-10 (Im 2h 1, Angua-G In Darky, 9-2 law), 2. Edian Heightz (14-1), 3. Vola Pharmen (11-2) 12 ann. Ni. -14 Mhr. M Revoley Tone 54,30, 21-70, 05-10, 22-00 DF 577-50 Tho 5123-70 CSF 982-17. Tricasi 528-18 2mm 04-98sec

Jackpot; not won (pool of \$22,387.51 samed torward to Windsor today). Placepot: \$212.80. Quadpot: \$48.30.

Northern Judge (33-1): 3. Speedy Sneps Pnde (50-1) Sternt Expression 7-4 tav 14 ran 2, rid R Hambon Totic £3.20; £1.60, £9.30, £10.30 DF-£143.00 Ther £004.30, CSF, £60.52 Tran 26.445cC. 7.10 1, Caspien Morn (13-8 lev); 2, Ou Way (8-1) 3, Brazilia (5-1), 9 ran 3.40 1. Clued Up (14-1), 2. Inch Oatls (10-1) 3. Miss Romance (5-2). Inch See 6-4 lay 8 ran.

4.15.1 Red Veterian (9-1); 2. Double Up (3-1); 3, Mazalla (4-6 fav); 5 ran NR Dr Edger 4.45.1, Thewalb (5-2 fav); 2, Densben (12-1); 3, Uper Le Gold Too (9-1); 13 ran NR Sound The Trumpel; £109.00

2.05 1, The Ry (7-2), 2, Captain William (9-2): 3, Palio Sky (11-2) Dargo 3-1 lav 13 ran. 2.35 1, Bellard Ledy (12-1) 2 Str For Luck (16-1); 3, Fantasy Reong (12-1) Belleys First 6-1 _{II}-lav 15 ran 3.05 1. Opel Jewel 15-2). 2. Triple Lead (7-1) 3. Upper Gallery (5-1) Althedo Alfredo 13-8 Jay 11 ren MB Jungle Fresh 3.35 1, My Gellery (5-1), 2. Celobration Callo (3-1 lav); 3, Knobbleeneeze (7-1) 15 4.05 1 Sts Garden (14-1): 2, Madonne De Rossi (7-1); 3, Comiche Quest (7-1) Mittenen City 7-2 lav 13 ran 4.35 1, Arian Spirit (6-4 lav); 2, Nosey Name (10-1), 3, See Freedom (11-2) 10 xsn

Lingfield Park 5.40 1, Our Eddie (8-1); 2, Dome Patrol [5-1]; 3, Amesome Power (5-1). Elly Fletiflooi 3-1 lav 10 ran NR Luby's Gold, Thatchmaster

way (6-1) 3, Brazilia (5-1), 9 ran 7 40, 1, Lough Eme (5-1 lav), 2, Scissor Ridge (6-1), 3, Rambold (8-1), 14 ran MR: May Ousen Megan, Robelton 8.10, 1, Neuwest (7-1), 2, Tampern (5-2), 3, Hawa Al Nassanast (6-5 lav), 5 ran MR: Demails Market Rasen

5.50 1. Cats Run (7-4); 2. Nordic Valley (10-11 lav), 3. Sassiver (4-1) 4 ran. 8.20 1, Warndha (13-8 (-tav); 2 John Tutty (7-2); 3 Elfo Justice (13-8 (-tav); 4 ran. NR: Out Ranking

7.20 1, Yaskum (9-4), 2, Stapleford Lady (7-4 lav); 3, Wise Advice (5-1), 4 ran 7.50 1. Shehrani (4-5 tav), 2, Chena Medi (8-1), 3. Silverdele Lad (3-1) 6 ran. 8.20 1, Pfirith (13-8 lav); 2, Little Tincture (9-2) 3, Ragamuttin Romao (9-2) 5 ran Worcester

6.00 1, Torny's Mist (9-2); 2, Betabetcorbell (14-1); 3, Colway Prince (8-1) Lohy Deed 4-1 law 10 ran 6.30 1, Stately Home (5-4), 2, Green's Seago (11-1), Winter Belle 8-11 lay 3 rpn. 7 00 1, Wadada (5-1), 2. Samand (9-4 lav), 3. Ster Market (3-1), 7 ran 7.30 1, Hillwelk (7-1); 2, The Yank (11-2); 3, Cornedy Road (8-1), Evangelica 7-4 lay 9

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16.3% 16.2% JOCKEYS: Pal Eddery 45 winners from 106 ndes, 21 8% 1, Delton, 24 from 132, 18.2% J Read, 27 from 167 16.2%, Marter Dwyer, 3 from 19, 15.8% W Ryen, 8 from 52, 15.4%, 7 Caum. 21 from 163, 12.9%, W Carson, 13 from 107, 12.1%

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 TALATHATH (nap). 4.00

Long handloon: Cinesic Pet 7-8, Sk Ofner 7-2

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4.00 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£2,965; 1m 2l 7yd) (11 runners)

SETTING, 3-1 Lob., 4-1 Yolo Yin, 9-2 Shap Count. 6-1 Princess Limeria, 7-1 (Insulment, 8-1 Country Lous. Housey Whom. 10-1 other:

1985: HADASET 3-8-1 A Whaten (8-1) Alice J Doyle 8 con

FORM FOCUS

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4.30 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Gentleman amateurs: £3,079; 1m 3i 135yd) (14 numers)

BETTING 7-2 Fert's Gotessor 9-2 Special The Word, 5-1 Asir Say, 6-1 Super Separate, 8-1 Global Ban Repal Englis, 10-1 Onters

1995 FATHER DAM 6-11-2 M Annylage (100-30) falcs & Authoray 11 rate FORM FOCUS

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5	(13)		GALB ALASAD (Sheith & Al-Mathourn) J Gosden 3-9-0 L Dolland	-
6	(17)	2	GRAND MUSICA 9 (Mach 3 Recings i Babbing 3-9-0 . Martin Duryer (5)	91
7	(40)	00	JADES SHADOW 11 (N Wood) J Brugger 3-9-8 G Faulture (7)	_
8	(30)	244522	MELT THE CLOUDS 22 (Mrs & Godiery) P Harris 3-9-0 6 Hard	88
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'n	(1)		TAKE NOTICE 9 IN Abdullas & Harmont 3-9-0 . Pail Eddlery	76
12	(11)		THOR'S PHANTOM (Michaeli Racing) M Usina 3-9-0 . R Pennam	-
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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

CSF, 1909 S. Mezzrarmo (Bright Roesch, 5-1 g-Lavr, 2. Prudert Pet (20-1); 3. Roseare Lodge (7-1). Balpare S-1 g-lavr, 10 ran, NR-La Fale De Crique, Love Legend, Princesse Liphard, Willial Lad, 1°sl, "3 k. Morgan, Toter SS 80, 62:30, 53:50, 52:10. DR 52:99 07 no 5134 50 CSF, 277.73 Tincast 559 1 45 1 ran 43 54;ec

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2.45 (1m 30yd) 1. Bmil Bmok (0 Urbina, 11-9), 2 (moda) (3-4 tay), 3. Options Open (16-1), 9 ran. Sh hd, 6! L. Curranti Tote, 23-80, 61-60, 51-40, 62-80, DF 63-90, Tho 52-7-40 CSF 52-60 E7 Trotast 677-96

3.15 (1m 21 120yd) 1. Temagez (G Carter, 11-2); 2. Ba-Arsolotain (13-2); 3. Captan Hozalus (20-1) Glory Ol Dancer 2-1 lav 8 ran 5, 1-41 Sated bin Surroit Tote; 17-00; 61-80, 61-90, 65-00 DF 613-80, CSF 27-94

3.60 (61-1) Report Decret (G Carter, 20-1); 2

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3.50 (5) 1. Royal Dome (G Cene. 20-1) 2
Sng With The Band (25-1); 3. See-Dea
18-1), 4. Rushculler Bity (25-1) Youdonsay 11-2 fav 21 ran Ho, 41 M Ware Tole
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4.20 (6) 1. Well Warmed (Px Eddery 8-13
fav), 2. All hits Tole 21-60; 21-10, 21-80
DF £1-90 CSF 52-77
4.50 (1m 6) 1, Fency Heights (J Red. 7-2);
2. Deano's Beeng 110-11, 3. Deep (7-1)
Alexa 11-4 fav, 7 mn Hot (24: Lady Hemss
Tote 54-40 £2,70, (23-10-DF 641-30-CSF, 23-30Pleasonat: \$533.20. Quantoot: £127-90.

Newmarket

Redcar 2.10 1, Lighte Blue (12-1); 2, Shippy Was A Kam (8-1); 3, The Bao Man (11-4 lan) 14 Gan

8.10 1, Big Ben (5-1): 2 Inflation (2-1 lav); 3, Gunners Glory (4-1) 7 fan. 8.40 1, Peradise Newy (7-1); 2, Chris's Lad (4-1); 3, Pleasurcland (20-1) Setious Trust 5-2 ten 12 ten

8.00 1, Boundonner (11-4) 2, Sigme Wueless (3-1); 3, Born To Please (7-4 lav) 6

8.30 1, Lord Tomanico (100-30), 2, Lancer (5-2), 3, Jebi (14-1). Belle Perk 7-4 lav. 7 ran NR Confi D'Estruval. Zine Lane.

It's not a basket or a net, it's a korf

last weekend, korfball in England celebrated its fiftieth birthday with a golden jubilee tournament in Beckenham, southeast London - and very few people noticed. Symptomatic of the majority of truly minority sports in Great Britain, in that it needs funding to expand yet has been told repeatedly that it must widen the base of its playing pyramid before it will be considered for a handout. korfball's biggest problem is one of identity — You play what?" -- and that, indeed, is a

Adapted by Nico Brockhuvsen, a teacher in a mixed school in Amsterdam, from a game that he saw being played in southern Sweden in 1902, korfball is championed by those at its heart as the only sport worldwide that, by definition, must be played by mixed teams, and is a handball game of pace and im-

To give a visual description to the vast majority who have never even heard of korfball, it is best defined as a mixture of basketball and netball. The pitch is rectangular and measures 40 metres by 20 metres indoors or 60 metres by 30 metres on grass, and is divided in two. If you touch the lines around your division, you are out of bounds.

There are eight players in a team; two men and two women play in defence and the same in attack, but, after every two goals - scored by either team — the players change divisions, and roles: attackers become defenders and defenders become attackers.

Players are not allowed to run with the ball, although the interpretation of gaining ground is far less prohibitive than in netball, so the use of space and movement away from your opponent are important. This creates the appearance of eight defenders shadowing eight attackers from beginning to end, which is, indeed, the case, as players tend to keep to an individual

opponent throughout Goals are scored through a basket — without the backboard that is such an integral part of basketball — that stands lift oin off the ground and is placed at two-third distance between halfway and the endline. Play, therefore, can continue when a shot is missed. so tall players obviously have an advantage in ball-retrieval here, while the part of the pitch

s the Olympic flame behind the post is an area in which to keep your opponent's which to keep your opponent's eyes off the ball.

Players may shoot from anywhere in the attacking zone, provided that they are not being "defended" by some-body of their own sex; the definition of "defended" being that the defender must be within arm's length of and facing the attacker, be between the attacker and the post, and be actively trying to block the path of the ball - not, note, blocking the free movement of the attacker's arms. Simple: lose your defender off the ball. receive a pass, then shoot.

Although very much a team game — the ball must be passed to the right place at the right time if you are to shoot to succeed at the top level, individuals require balance,



nation and the ability to think ahead and move into space, but the fact that players have to continually change their roles means that "stars" - ie, goalscorers - tend to be eclipsed by team success.

1903, after Broekhuysen had returned to Holland, and the game began as an outdoor pursuit of 12 players per side, on something the size of a hockey pitch and split into three divisions — attack, centre and defence — with players rotating through all three roles after every two

goals. In the main, that is how is stayed for 80-odd years. Not until after korfball was demonstrated at the Olympic Games in Antwerp in 1920 did its fascination stretch beyond the Dutch border - Belgium duly taking up the challenge but that was the limit of expansion until after the Sec-

ond World War. Through the Anglo Nether-Sports Association, Dutch players demonstrated

the game for the first time in England at Willesden, north-west London, on July 6, 1946 and, in September 1948, a league was born comprising six teams: two each from Croydon. Mitcham and

Wandsworth. Although the game became established in southeast London, expansion in England in the next 30 years was minimal, but by 1980 a league had been formed around Maidstone, Kent, and the world governing body, inevitably Dutch, was looking on ngland as a prime site for

By this time, too, what was to prove a far more significant metamorphosis had begun. The removal of the centre division when the game was played indoors, the subscquent cut in team size from 12 to eight and a worldwide shift in emphasis from an outdoor sport to an indoor one, were to make korfball far more marketable. In England, Max Buttinger and Graham Box, young men about to begin university courses, were also to make their mark.

Established players in London and Kent, respectively, they introduced indoor korfball to London and Oxford universities, and the student jungle telegraph took over. Domestically and globally, the development of korfball in the next 15 years was

from its base in London and Kent, the National League was formed in 1987 and the game in Great Britain now attracts some 4,000 players and is firmly established in more than 30 centres - nearly all university towns - ranging from Aberdeen to Brighton and from Plymouth to Norwich, where there is a junior league comprising 26 schools. This weekend, 27 teams contested the national county championship in Nottingham.

Internationally, korfball is established in more than 50 countries and it has been recently afforded full membership of the Olympic movement. In magazines just published, the international federation has featured the game in such diverse places as Armenia, Australia, Russia, South Africa and the United States; in Taiwan, it receives Government funding.

The most recent world championship was held in Delhi, India, in 1995, when Britain finished eighth. In

Although the world of korfball is expanding fast, there is no reason why that decline should continue. With the National Curriculum determining that children of both sexes are taught skills rather than expertise in specific games, korfball seems to have all the requirements to spread nationwide.

It may have taken 50 years to lay the foundations, but international success - and, in the not-too-distant future. perhaps, Olympic recognition is there for the taking... once people stop asking "You



Playing the game: mixed teams swap the roles of defender and attacker during play

WHERE TO WATCH

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent As West, what would you lead from this hand: 452 ¥73 +AKQ10873 +K8

This is the auction:

The hand occurred in this year's Premier League match between Price and Sowter. The full deal:

+ Q 10 S +QJ975 +KJ864 YQJEE 8 +A97 71072 **+J954 +A42**

Contract: 1 NT by South. Lead: five of apo

I think Tom Townsend's lead was well thought out. It was likely that South had four diamonds to the jack to be able to bid 1 NT. Thus West's best hope of beating the contract was to find East with an entry. to lead his singleton diamond through the declarer's

It is true that if West had led and continued diamonds, he would later have got in with the king of clubs and still taken the contract one off. But the ace of clubs was more likely to be in dummy than with declarer. It is also true that if North had held the aceking of spades instead of the ace-king of hearts, and South's holdings were corresponding-

ly reversed, a diamond would have been the only lead to beat the contract. To that extent it's a toss-up as to which major will work best. On this occasion the spade worked well after winning the king of clubs West put his partner in with a second spade, and when East led back a diamond, West took seven tricks in the suit to beat the contract by three. At the other table our team-

mates tried 3 NT on the East-West cards, so our team went down a total of 700 in

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

EENE on CHESS

social of sports.

By RAYMOND KEENE CHIESE CORRESPONDENT

Family fun: John Crisp, left, with his children Anne and David, and grandson Roger

KORFBALL had been established in England

for less than three years when John Crisp

made the discovery of what he describes as

"the biggest influence on my life outside of my

He played his first game in February, 1949,

and, at 68, he still turns out occasionally for the

He met Joyce, who was to become his wife in January, 1953 — "the date was chosen because

Mitcham had no league fixture that weekend"

- on a korfball pitch two months later, so it is

not surprising that their two sons and

daughter took up the sport as youngsters. Stuart, the younger son, eventually drifted towards football, but David, 38, and Anne, 34.

Pelham club, which is based in Wimbledon.

Children's Olympiad Thirty teams are taking part in the fourth Children's Olympiad in Suto More, in Montenegro. After two rounds the team from England has crushed Macedonia by 3.5-0.5 and drawn with Denmark 2-2. in the first round Karl Mah won the following sharp clash in the double-edged Dragon

Variation of the Sicilian White: Levkov Black: Mah Children's Olympiad August 1996 Sicilian Defence

4 Nxd4 5 Nc3 96 Bg7 0-0 No6 Bd7 Rc8 Ne5 h5 Nc4 Pxc4 Kug7 freg4 Fin8 fug6 b5 gxf5 K17 Qg8 Ne4 Qxh8 27 Ne3 28 Ne6 29 Nxl4 30 Rt1

Diagram of final position

are still actively involved, and Roger, Anne's

nine-year-old son, is an eager junior, proving

that, for the Crisp dynasty at least, korfball really is a "Sport For All".

A lover of the outdoors, John Crisp is adamant that the condensed game of the Ninetles does not have the appeal that a 90-

minute, three-division match on a winter

Sunday morning used to have.

Nevertheless, his enthusiasm for korfball is

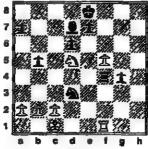
clearly as strong now as it was when he

captained the successful Mitcham club from

1952 to 1967 and he still finds time to train each

week and is an ever-present at all-day

tournaments, a noteworthy feature of this most



British Championship After six rounds of the British

ham. Chris Ward has defeated the defending champion, grandmaster Matthew Sadler, and leads with the fine score of 5.5/6. Sharing second place along with 12-year-old prodigy Luke Mcshane are: Aaron Summerscale, John Emms, Jonathan Parker, Charles Cobb. Andrew Martin and Graham Lec.

Two of the British junior championships have already been decided. The winner o the under-13 championship is Ross Battray, of Cheam, with 5.5/6 and the winner of the under-15 championship is Mark Roberts, of Sevenoaks also with 5.5/6.

On Saturday August 17 from 10.30am at Heffers Bookshop. Sidney St. Cambridge, inter-national master Bob Wade and national coach will be offering free chess clinics and lessons for younger players as well as being prepared to take on all-comers in Raymond Keene writes on chess

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

SPORTS LETTERS Olympic failures rooted in coaching ethos

From Mr M. Byford Sir. There has been much deliberation as to the cause of our poor showing in the Olympics. As the Government embarks on a potentially costly course of action to rectify this, let me offer another view.

I am involved in coaching, mainly tennis and rowing. In order to do this competently, professionally and with minimum injury to athletes, I have studied for a BSc, a Masters degree in Medical Science and a PGCE and also taken a number of vocational qualifications at considerable expense. As a reward, I am instructed by the LTA that I can charge E15 per hour for coaching (this money covers shoes, balls, racquets, re-stringing) and the rowing tradition is that the only

payment is that of gratitude. The question I would ask is why bother? The coaching ethos in this country is to promote ex-athletes to the nighest positions where they can reinforce the poor and

sometimes debilitating methods they were coached under. From Mr C. Johnston They know very little of physi-

THE next opportunity to see korfball is at the National Sports Centre, Crystal

Palace, on September 21, when Croydon,

fiftieth year, compete with their

the national champions in what is also their

counterparts from France and Portugal in a

ology, et cetera. This is not sour grapes. I have had major success with my scientificallybased coaching methodology, but have been unable to break into the old boys (and girls) networks which govern both these sports. Ex-top class athletes should be marketing sport and encouraging children to take part, not coaching unless sufficiently talented

and trained as "teachers". I suggest the Government targets its support at the grassroots and rewards these people realistically for their contributions in order to maximise the number of potential Olympians, rather than fritter it away by making the elite even more so at the expense of British sport as a Yours faithfully,

MIKE BYFORD. 23 Westfield Road, Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, CB2 5JW.

Sir. Many theories have already been put forward in the hope of explaining why Great Britain enjoyed such little success in Atlanta. I believe, however, that I have located the real cause of Britain's underachieving - Sue Barker's eyebrows. Although they are attached to a rather likeable face, these sad-looking angled creatures seem particularly unsuited to the task of conveying good news.

I can only assume that Miss Barker recognises her dilemma and had a quiet word with some of our major athletes, in order to guarantee that there would be plenty of hard-luck, eyebrow-friendly stories to

Sincerely. CHRIS JOHNSTON. Thwaites House, Duddon Hall. Broughton-in-Furness,

the ultimate indignity of a personal assault from the Goodwood public address system. Some three or four

Sir. I wholeheartedly endorse everything Julian Muscat said about the public address system at Goodwood (commentary, August 5). We want to watch horses and admire their handlers and jockeys without being endlessly asked

his car in the car park where the police await him. His car is a Ford Granada." As I slunk off to the car park

years ago in the middle of a

wet afternoon I suddenly

heard the following announce

ment emanating from the tannoy. "Would Viscount

Hampden go immediately to

an attendant had thoughtfully sent a message that I might like to come and shut it). I felt like a victim of a Bateman cartoon with a thousand pair of eyes glued to a peer who dared come to Goodwood in a Ford Granada. Yours faithfully,

HAMPDEN. Glynde Place. Glynde.

Wimbledon still open to allcomers

European Cup qualifying tournament.

Further details and other information

from the British Korfball Association, PO

Box 179, Maidstone. Kent. or from Max

Buttinger, 9 St Kilda's Road, Harrow,

Middlesex, HAI IQD (0181-863 8723).

From the Chief Executive of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Sir. Simon Barnes's article (Midweck View, August 7) provided an enjoyable read as ever, but a pity he could not resist an inaccurate swipe at Wimbledon. For the record perhaps I might be allowed to correct one or two things. Not only do tennis fans

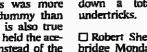
continue to have genuine access to tickets through the public ballot and the country's 2.500 affiliated tennis clubs. but Wimbledon remains one of the few top sporting events in this country for which people can still buy tickets on

the day.
You might also like to know that corporate hospitality represents under 10 per cent of the ticket allocation on Centre Court and No I Court and that over the past few years, the club has reduced the level of corporate hospitality within the grounds. Indeed, there are plans to reduce it still further in the future.

Yours faithfully CHRISTOPHER

GORRINGE, Chief Executive, The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Church Road, Wimbledon, SWIP SAE.

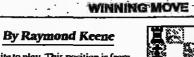
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WORD-WATCHING

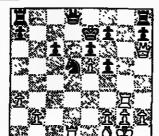
By Philip Howard CROCKFORD a. A Bridge bidding a. Neuralgia b. Gunnietal b. A currant bun c. A whisky cup c. A clerical directory

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White to play. This position is from the game Speelman - Kosinen. Denmark 1996. The black pawn structure is weak and his king is exposed but his knight on d5 is a very good piece. Can you see how White dealt with Black's strengths exposing

Solution on page 37



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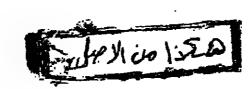
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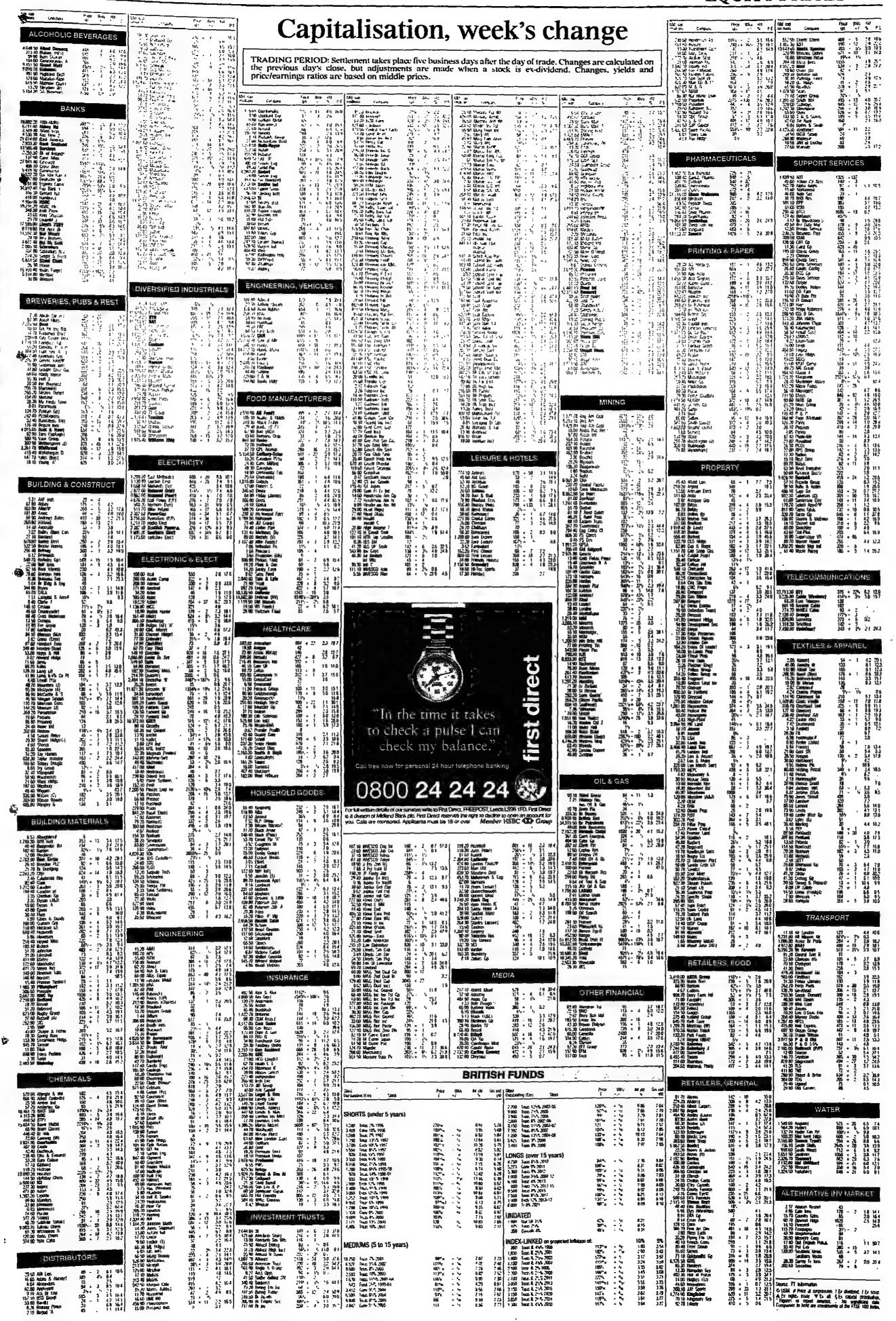
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Economics statistics: UK July producer prices; Bank of France money market tender, Bank of France discount T-bill auction; US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills.

TOMORROW

Interims: BOC, General Ac-cident, General Cable, Lilleshall, Sedgwick Group. Finals: VDC.

Economic statistics: US July consumer prices index; US July retail sales; US Mitsubishi weekly store sales; US July real earnings; US Atlanta fed survey; US Johnson Redbook sales; US Treasury announces size of short-term T-bills; French provisional q2 employ-ment data.

WEDNESDAY

Interime: F&C Income Growth Inv Trust, Glynwed International, Hemingway Properties, Independent Insurance Group, MAID. Finals: Celtic, Dunedin Japan Inv Trust.

Economic terrintics: Minutes of July 3 monetary policy meeting between the Chancellor and Governor of the Bank of England; July British Retail Consortium survey, UK July unemployment; UK May average earnings: unit wage Immuning: F&C Income Growth erage earnings; unit wage costs; US June business in-ventories; US Q2 non-farm productivity; Bundesbank

THURSDAY

Interime: T Clarke, LM Ericsson, Microvitec, North Midland Construction, Portmeirlon Potteries, Rea Brothers Group, Hanson (C3), Johnson Group Cleaners. Finals: Kleinwort High Income. Economic statistics: UK July RPI; US weekly jobless claims; US July Industrial production; US August Philadelphia Fed survey; US July capacity utilisation; US Treasury auction of ation; US Treasury auction of 52-week T-bills; Philadelphia Fed August business survey. Public holiday in most of Europe, French markets

FRIDAY

Interims: none scheduled. Finals: none scheduled.
Finals: none scheduled.
Economic statistics: UK July
PSBR; US July housing starts;
US August Michigan consumer
sentiment.





CLARE STEWART

WPP bathed in a golden glow

WPP: British Olympic medals may have been thin on the ground, but WPP, the marketing services giant, will have enjoyed the publicity glow surrounding two of its largest clients, IBM and Kodak — Olympic sponsors and big spenders.

Interim figures today from WPP look set to show profits up by a third to £64 million, helped by strong revenue growth and continued margin improvement. Bumper profits will also take

Martin Sorrell, chief executive, nearer the target set for his controversial long-term incentive scheme, which could pay him £28 million over five years.

Suggestions of a share buyback have helped to buoy shares recently, but WPP, which still has debts to reduce, may prefer to spend its surplus cash on small infill acquisitions or on beefing up the dividend.

SMITH & NEPHEW: Uncertain conditions in the US and slower growth in the UK are likely to hold back sales at Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group. Interim pre-tax profits, due

today, are expected to rise about 7 per cent to £91 million, but analysts have trimmed back fullyear forecasts to less than E190 million. Interest in the surgical dressings to Simple soap group is likely to focus on progress in important new areas, such as its joint venture with Advanced Tissue Sciences to grow human skin artificially. The Dermagraft product is expected to have considerable potential for use in treating burns, ulcers and in conjunction with plastic surgery. The company has hinted that more hi-tech developments are being sought.

GENERAL ACCIDENT: The first of a clutch of insurers reporting this week will see the cost of winter weather claims feature heavily tomorrow in its figures for the six months to June, and operating profits are expected to fall from £254 million to about £170 million.

The underwriting result overall is likely to show a sharp fall, with analysts at NatWest Securities forecasting an increased loss from E8 million to £141 million.



Assessing the damage: General Accident's Bob Scott is expected to report a sharp fall in profits

Life profits, however, look rosier, helped by the acquisition of Provident Mutual earlier this year. Bob Scott, chief executive, said that first-quarter progress was better than originally expected and profits are expected to outpace rationalisation costs this year. A dividend of 11.4p, up 6.5 per cent, is forecast.

SEDGWICK GROUP: The impact of the weaker dollar and disappointing new business levels in the US will be seen in tomorrow's results from the insurance broker. The City is expecting a small increase in pre-

tax profits on last year's £63 million, with estimates ranging between £64 million and £68 million. An unchanged dividend of 3p is forecast.

BOC:Third-quarter results from the industrial gases group should see pre-tax profits in the range of Ello million to Ello million, against £99.8 million in 1995. Continued evidence of strong earnings growth is expected and a full-year result of £460 million before tax is being pencilled in.

GENERAL CABLE: Reduced pre-tax losses are expected when General Cable reports interim figures tomorrow. Losses are expected to narrow to £9 million against £11 million in 1995.

General Cable, which operates franchises in West London, Birmingham and Yorkshire, has recently taken full control of Yorkshire Cable. While profits are not expected until 1999, further good news on cash flow is expected. The group was cash positive in the last quarter of 1995 and the first quarter of 1996. News on subscriber levels and telephone line connections will also be sought to give an indication of the group's progress.

in pre-tax profits is forecast for the Midlands engineering conglomerate, which reports halfyear figures on Wednesday.

Sliding metals prices and a lacklustre construction industry have held hack progress at Glynwed, where profits are set to increase by about 6 per cent to £44 million. The figures will also include an increased contribution from Victaulic, the pipeline prod-ucts manufacturer acquired last

Analysts say that restructuring at the group, which produces products ranging from Aga cookers to manhole covers, means it is well prepared for recovery in its key markets.

MAID: The online information provider will be expected to report good news along with its interim figures on Wednesday. Pre-tax losses are set to rise to a little less than £3 million, compared with a profit of £408,000 in the first half of 1995. The losses reflect the cost of the company's rapid growth, but the City will swallow this if there is news of more expansion and new deals to sustain the momentum.

Shares in the group headed by Dan Wagner, its 33-year-old chief executive, have a had a rollercoaster ride, propelled ahead by its link-up with Microsoft and by alliances with IBM. Compuserve and Forte, now part of Granada. Shares begin this week at 280p, having touched a high of 341p and a low of 153p in 1996.

HANSON: Chemicals will be under the spotlight when Hanson releases third-quarter figures on Thursday. Ahead of exceptional items — chiefly the proceeds of its £2 billion disposal programme analysts are looking for pre-tax profits in the range of £255 million to £300 million, com-

pared to £321 million last year. The results will highlight the impact of falling prices on Hanson's chemicals businesses, which are due to be floated off in October. Earlier this month Hanson announced cutbacks in its SCM business, the world's thirdlargest producer of titanium dioxide, supplied to the paint, plastics and paper industries.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

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Inflation data in spotlight

fter the Bank of England's cautious words on inflation last week, coupled with the suggestion that interest rates might need to rise, attention will focus sharply on the inflation-related data published this week.

The inflation statistics for laborall here

The inflation statistics for July will be unveiled on Thursday, with MMS fore-casting headline inflation to jump from 2.1 per cent to 2.3 per cent. The Government's favoured RPIX measure, which excludes mortgage payments, is expected to show a similar increase to 3 per cent. But some economists believe that downward pressure from mortgage rates and the continuing supermarket wars may help to keep the inflation rate in check.

Producer prices data for July, which provide an indication of potential inflationary pressures at the start of the distribution cycle, will be published today.

The sector has struggled in recent months and MMS predicts that factory output prices will show a monthly fall of 0.1 per cent, compared with a 0.2 per cent drop in June, while the yearly rate will show a fall from 2.6 per cent to 2.2 per cent. However, input prices are expected to rise slightly after an increase in oil prices.

On Wednesday, July's unemployment is expected to show a further fall of 15,000, compared with 14,300 in June. In spite of the continuing fall in unemployment, average earnings for June are predicted to show a modest 3.5 per cent rise.

On Friday, the public sector borrowing requirement is forecast to rise by £0.2 billion, although the Government has little room for error if it intends to push through tax cuts in the autumn. The British Retail Consortium retail sales survey for July, published on Wednesday, is expected to show strong growth, although a touch lower than June's 7 per cent rise.

Overseas, attention will focus on US retail sales, which are expected to fall 0.5 per cent, and housing starts, where a small fail to 1.46 million is also predicted.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Fenner, Quicks, N Brown Group and Takare; Hold Morgan Srown Group and Takare, Hold Morgan Sindall and General Accident. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy W H Smith, N Brown Group and Home Counties Newspapers; Hold Airtours. The Observer. Buy De Beers and GKN. Independent on Sunday: Buy Bensons Crisps and Rentokil; Sell RJB Mining; Hold Bluebird

Court of Appeal

Law Report August 12 1996

Court of Appeal

Wrong defendants named on writ Restraining foreign proceedings

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Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice

Where a plaintiff, who fell and broke her ankle when visiting a members' club, sued for damages naming the defendant as the Hibernian Dance Club, an unincorporated entity, the issue which was raised on appeal was the question of who was the intended defendant rather than whether the claim against the defendant was named

In all the circumstances it was not considered that the mistake made, namely to sue the members and/or proprietors of the club under a collective title apt to describe them but devoid of personality at English law, as opposed to suing individually named defendants, was such as to cause any reasonable doubt that the claim was being asserted against the membership as a

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, the Hibernian Dance Club. against a decision of Judge Phelan. on May 23, 1995, at West London County Court, whereby he allowed an appeal by the plaintiff. Mrs Dyan Murray, against the order of District Judge Haselgrove who, on

Bank of Credit and Com-

merce International SA (in

Before Lord Justice Neill. Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord

A party could not set off a debt held

by a nominee against a claim by an insolvent company in circum-stances where the court had to

inquire into the party's ownership of the debt at the date of the

winding-up of the company.

The Court of Appeal so held in a

an appeal brought by the defen-dant, Prince Fahd Bin Salman

Abdul Aziz Al-Saud against the decision of Mr J. Wadsworth, QC.

who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court on December 13,

1994, allowed an appeal brought

by the liquidators of the Bank of Credit and Commerce Inter-national SA against the decision of

Deputy Master Leslie on October 12, 1994 to give the defendant leave

to defend the action commenced by the liquidators. following which

they issued an Order 14 summons.

for the defendant; Mr Robin

Dicker for the liquidators.

Mr Terence Mowschenson, QC.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said

that the appeal raised a question of importance as to the meaning and

reserved judgment in dismiss

Liquidation) v Al-Saud

Justice Waite

Judgment July 23

Mr Robert Deacon for the Hibernian Dance Club; Mr Michael Irvine for the plaintiff.

said the plaintiff claimed that her injury was caused by slipping on ome liquid on the floor of the club, in Fulham Broadway, London, on January 22, 1989.

She later consulted solicitors, issued on April 5, 1990. On May 20, 1991 her solicitors claimed that they were told by the solicitors for the club. Finers, that the correct defendant was the Hibernian Club and not the individual they had named. That was later disputed.

defence drafted by counsel, which gave no hint of taking any point as to parties and certainly did not assert that the Hibernian Dance

The inescapable inference from letters of January II and I3, 1995, received by the plaintiff's solicitors

in the proceedings the bank had sought to recover from the defen-

dant \$396.842.01 pursuant to a

guarantee given by the defendant in respect of an overdrawn balance

owed by him in respect of an

overdrawn balance owed by Colchest Corporation NV, Colchest

banked with BCCI at its Edgware

The defendant sought to set off

against the sum claimed the mon-

cys standing to the credit of three accounts at BCCI's Park Lane

branch in the name of Mr Esam Ghazzawi, on the basis that it was

said that those sums were owned beneficially by the defendant.

The writ was issued on May 19, 1994 and on May 31 the bank

The claim by the bank was put

forward on the basis that it was a

simple claim for the payment of money due under a contract of

guarantee. The bank relied on rule 4.90 of the Insolvency Rules and

Re Willis, Percival & Co, Ex parte Morier ((1879) 12 Ch D 491).

that case that the set-off could not

be allowed because there was a dispute as to the ownership of the

moneys in the three Park Lane

accounts and because it would be

necessary to have an investigation

into the entitlement of those

The judge found on the basis of

ssued an Order 14 summons.

Rujes (SI 1986 No 1925).

January 27, 1995, had struck out a result of counsel's pointing out claim was asserted, and intended Airbus Industrie GIE y Pate! having regard to the extent of the correctly evaluated the facts.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON

Brocklesby & Co, and a writ was

On May 22, 1991 Finers served a Club was not an entity capable of being sued, together with a request for further and better particulars, Which was answered on August 14. 1992, on which date the plaintiff's solicitors also served a reply.

The primary limitation period had expired on January 21, 1992. On April 15, 1993, with the consent of Finers, the action was transerred to West London County Court

that a members' club could not be sued in the style adopted here that Finers realised there was a defect and decided, belatedly, to raise it.

On February 19, 1995 Finers applied for the plaintiff's claim to struck out on the ground that the purported defendant was in law a non-existent entity. The plaintiff's solicitors applied for ave to amend to join the member of the committee of the club as at the date of the accident as

In allowing the appeal the judge gave leave to amend under Order 20, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, as applied to county court proceedings by Order 15 of the County Court Rules.

The real issue raised by the appeal was who was the intended defendant. As Lord Justice Grif-Construction Co Ltd. Charrington & Co Ltd (1983) 1 OB 810, 825), when considering the nature of a mistake sought to be corrected by a plaintiff in respect of a wrongly named defendant, the crucial question was whether the mistake was such as to cause any reasonable doubt as to the person intended to be sued.

It seemed to his Lordship plain that, in all the circumstances, there was and could have been no reasonable doubt in the minds of were served with the amended writ

It was argued on behalf of the

defendant that it was at least

arguable that on a proper construction of rule 4.90 a party

nominee against a claim by an

insolvent company even though

the court might have to inquire

into the party's ownership of the

deht at the date of the winding-up

Like the judge, his Lordship was

unclear as to the extent of any intermingling of the payments in

the three accounts between Mr

Ghazzawi's own money and money which might have come

from the defendant. Moreover, his

Lordship was unclear as to the claims which Mr Ghazzawi might

Indeed it was accepted on behalf

of the defendant that some inquiry

would be necessary to ascertain the

precise state of accounts between

the defendant and Mr Ghazzawi

although it was contended that the

need for such an inquiry did not

three accounts constituting prov-able debts and therefore being

available for the purposes of an

insolvency set-off.

Counsel for the liquidators

submitted correctly that unless the

rule in Ex parie Morier was distinguishable or could be taken

to be modified by the House of

have on those accounts.

of the company.

When debt cannot be set off against claim

to be asserted, against the entire membership of the Hibernian Dance Club.

Although the plaintiff first issued the writ, accompanied with a statement of claim, with a heading appropriate to a proprietary club express suggestion of the defen-dants' solicitors, the name of the person believed by the plaintiff's solicitor to have been the propri-etor was deleted from the title, so that the name of the defendants appeared simply as "The Hiber-nian Dance Club" and it was in that name that the defendants

solicitors acknowledged service. Thus, whatever contentions it may be open to individual members of the club to advance as to their liability to the plaintiff, what anneared to be clear beyond any ubt was that the intention of the plaintiff was to proceed against all

His Lordship was quite satisfied that no confusion was created in the minds of those responsible to the members for conducting the defence to the claim in the sense that they believed the claim was against anyone but the club mempers as a whole. Everything that happened pointed conclusion.

Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Beldam agreed that the claim should be dismissed. Solicitors: Finers: Brocklesby &

Lords in Stein v Blake (1996) 1 AC

His Lordship found that the case

was not distinguishable and the

difficulty with the suggestion that

be modified by Lord Hoffmann's

speech in Stein v Blake was that it did not appear that Lord Hoff-

introducing a change in the law. Moreover, the rule in Ex parte

Morier was itself supported by

other authorities and by state-

It was true that a debt which was not eligible for proof was not eligible for set off. But that did not

mean that all debts which were

eligible for proof were eligible for set off under rule 4.90. The rule

added the requirement that the

His Lordship accepted the sub-

unless the defendant's entitlement

to the moneys in the three Park

Lane accounts could be shown to

be clear and ascertained there was

a lack of mutuality or reciprocity between himself and the bank.

There was no arguable defence available to the defendant and the

Lord Justice Simon Brown and

Solicitors: Stevens & Bolton. Guildford; Wilde Sapte.

Lord Justice Waite agreed.

ments in textbooks.

debts had to be mutual.

243) the court was bound by an

authority of long standing.

and Others

Before Lord Justice Naurse, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Aldous Judgment July 30i

On recognised principles of English law, the English courts had jurisdiction to grant an injunction to restrain foreign proceedings notwithstanding the application was not made for the purpose of protecting proceedings in this country. The discretion to grant such an injunction should be such as in the instant case where to allow the defendants to continue their proceedings, in an inappropriate forum, would be unconscionable and oppressive and

unjust to the plaintiffs The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Airbus ndustrie GIE, from the refusal by Mr Justice Colman (The Times May 21, 1996) to exercise his discretion in their favour and grant them an injunction to re-strain the defendants. Jaisukh Patel, Neeta Patel, D, an infant, by Jaisukh Patel. Ratna Patel, Valhai Paiel and T. an infant, by Raina Patel, from pursuing an appeal from the decision of the Texas State District Court relusing the defendants jurisdiction for an action

against the plaintiffs. In 1994 an India Airlines A320 aircraft manufactured by Airbus crashed as it was about to land at Bangalore, The defendants, Brit ish citizens resident in England who were among the passengers.

had claims arising. In 1992 two sets of plaintiffs commenced separate proceedings against Airbus in the Texas court. he defendants were the plaintiffs in one of those actions.

Following complex procedur manueuvres the Texas court held that Airbus was immune from suit in the United States. The defendants sought to appeal against that

In April 1995 Airbus obtained a declaration in the Bangakore City Civil Court that the defendants were not entitled to proceed against Airbus in any court other than in Bangalore.
By originating summons Airbus applied to Mr Justice Colman for

in injunction to restrain the defen dants from pursuing their appeal against the decision of the Texas

defendants, the English claimants. LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the question was whether the English claimants should be restrained from prosecuting fur-ther an action they had started against Airbus in Texas on the ground that those proceedings were vexatious and oppressive.
The judge accepted that he had

Mr Michael Crane, QC and Mr Akhil Shah for the plaintiffs, Airbus; Mr Jeremy J Russell, QC and Miss Pronam Melwani for the

an offence - (a) shall not be bound in law to infer that he intended or foresaw a result of his actions by reason only of its being a natural out, in the exercise of his discretion

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in Texas, concluded that it was not I What was the natural forum for appropriate to do so. There was no precedent covering the case, all previous cases having been concerned with the interrela that Texas was not.

tion of English proceedings and proceedings in a foreign court. udiced by the continuation of the The answer had to be found by having regard to principle. The the authorities did cover cases such as the present and provided a basis on which an injunction could be granted if the facts justified it: see astanho v Brown & Root (UK) Ltd ([1981] AC 557, 573): British Airways Board v Laker Airways Ltd ([1985] AC 58, 95): South Carolina English claimants. Insurance Co v Assurantie
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Industrielle Aerospatiale v Lee Kul Jak (1987) AC 871, 894)). The exercise of the discretion whether or not to grant the remedy was for the judge. However, if he had not applied the right criteria or had not correctly selected and stances, the Court of Appeal had to exercise the discretion itself. The judge had not set the tests at the appropriate level nor had he

prejudice to Airbus and the advan-

es to the claimants in litteating

Three aspects were relevant to

the determination of the dispute. There could be no question but 2 Whether Airbus would be prei-

claimants' proceedings against them in Texas. They would. Liability, if any, would be determined by the Texas court on the basis of strict liability under Texas law which on the principles of conflict of law had no place in the determination of the liability to the 3 Whether to enjoin the claimants

from proceeding in Texas against Airbus would deprive them of a legitimate advantage. The avoidance of delay was a legitimate advantage as was the ability of the claimants to obtain finance thanks to the contingent fee system prevailing in Texas.

The judge wrongly evaluated those factors. Further, he wrongly courts did not allow any consideration of whether Texas was an appropriate forum. The conduct of the claimants was clearly oppressive and caused significant injusrequiring the claimants not to prosecute further their proceedngs against Airbus in Texas.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE. concurring, said that he found the question whether an injunction should be granted or not to be unusually difficult but was in the end persuaded that it should be. The key was the Texas court's disregard of the principle of forum (conveniens, the crucial significance of which had not come home

Unless that question was considered by the English court, it would not be considered by any court having the power to enforce its decision. Directly the court assumed that responsibility, it could be clearly seen that Texas was not an appropriate forum for the resolution of the dispute.

Further, to allow the English claimants to continue their proceedings there would be not only unconscionable but oppressive and unjust to Airbus. Accordingly, while emphasising the quite exceptional facts of the case. Airbus were entitled to the relief they

Lord Justice Aldous agreed. Solicitors: Cameron Markhy

Danger of inferring intent only from action

Regina v Woollin Before Lord Justice Roch, Mr

Justice Collins and Judge Myerson Judgment July 23 Where the only evidence of

defendant's intention was the evidence of his acts and their con-sequences on the victim, the jury were not entitled to infer the necessary intent, in the rare case where the defendant might not have purposed the death or serious injury of the victim, unless the jury were sure that death or seriou bodily injury was a virtual cer-tainty and the defendant must have appreciated that such was the

It was not, however, necessary to couch the direction in such terms where there was evidence in addi tion to the defendant's actions and their effects on the victim

The Court of Appeal, Criminal dismissing an appeal by Stephen Leslie Woollin against his convic-tion in December 1995 at Leeds Crown Court (Judge Walsh, QC and a jury) of murder for which he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 provides: "A court or jury, in determining whether a person has committed

and probable consequence of those actions; but (b) shall decide whether he did intend or foresee that result by reference to all the evidence, drawing such inferences from the evidence as appear proper in the circumstances."

Mr Thomas Bayliss, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant: Mr Peter Collier. QC, for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE ROCH.

delivering the judgment of the court, said that in interview the appellant told police officers that he had "lost his cool" when his three-month old baby started to choke on his food. He had shaken him and then in a fit of rage or frustration had thrown the baby in the direction of his pram some four feet away

where it stood against the wall. He knew that the haby's head had hit something hard but denied any intention of throwing him against the wall and had not wanted him The case for the appellant was that he had not intended that the baby should suffer serious physnarm and therefore had not

had the intent required for In summing up the judge di-rected the jury that they might infer intention if they were sal-isfied that when the defendant threw the child he appreciated that there was a substantial risk that he

would cause serious harm to him. (C) phrase "a virtual certainty" rather than "a substantial risk" because the latter was the test of recklessness rather than intent. Their Lordships, having considered section 8 of the Criminal

Justice Act 1967, were of the opinion that two points emerged from the wording of that section: First, Parliament recognised that a court or jury could infer that a defendant intended a result of his actions by reason of its being a natural and probable result of those actions, but was not bound to

Second, in deciding whether the defendant intended the natural and probable result of his actions, the court or jury was to take into account all the evidence, drawing such information. such inferences from the evidence

as appeared proper.
In their Lordships judgment. in their Lordships Judgment, although the use of the prhase "a virtual certainty" might be devirable and necessary, it was only necessary where the evidence of intent was limited to the admitted and the necessary of the necessary and the actions of the accused and the consequence of those actions.

It was not obligatory to use that phrase or one that meant the same thing in cases such as the present where there was other evidence for

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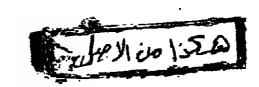
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Deutsche **Telekom** 'near to cable deal'

By ERIC REGULY

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM is thought to be close to forming a cable alliance that could emerge as the prime competitor to Mercury Communications in the lucrative business

in potlight

Deutsche Telekom, the minopoly phone company that is to be privatised by the Cierman Government in the autumn, is considering buying a stake - thought to be no more than 30 per cent - in Bell Cablemedia, the third largest cable company.

Bell Cablemedia would then launch a takenver bid for Videotron, the sixth largest player. Videotron, controlled by Groupe Videotron, of Montreal, has been on the auction block for several months and is widely expected to fall into Bell Cablemedia's hands because it already owns 26 per cent. None of the companies would comment.

Observers said that the deal, if it succeeds, would create a formidable force in



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because the franchises of Bell Cablemedia and Videotron cover Westminster, the City of London, and Canary Wharf. The cable companies, in turn, would have an instant

overseas partner in Deutsche Telekom, Europe's biggest phone company.

Deutsche Telekom would also give the cable companies international access through Global One, the alliance that it recently formed with France

Telesom and Sprint, Ameri-

ca's third largest long-distance phone carrier. Analysis and telecoms experts said that a Deutsche Telekom cable alliance could pose a significant competitive threat to Mercury Communications, which has largely abandoned the residential market and makes the bulk of its income from City and

business customers. Mercury may feel betrayed if the deal goes ahead. Cable and Wireless, its parent, owns 12.8 per cent of Bell Cablemedia and has two seats on its board.

In recent months. Bell Cablemedia and Mercury had been taking steps to combine some of their services. Mercury insiders said that

the arrival of Deutsche Telekom has put a strain on the relationship. C&W's ownership of Bell Cablemedia is not high

enough to block a deal. Bell Canada International, with 42 per cent, and Jones Intercable of Denver, with 12.3 per cent, are thought to be supportive of



George Magan has seen his firm give advice on 22 deals

Hambro Magan is best in sector

By JASON NISSÉ

JO HAMBRO MAGAN, the corporate finance boutique founded by George Magan, the former Morgan Grenfell leading light, has emerged as the most successful independent corporate finance house

in the first survey of the sector. Phoenix Securities, whose founder, Sir John Craven, icft to rescue Morgan Greenfell. Botts & Co. the media specialists with links to Herbert

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Cavendish Corp Finance

Allen, the Wall Street financier, and Broadview Associates, a specialist information technology house, also figured strungly in an analysis to be published in Acquisitions Monthly tomorrow.

Specialist boutiques are becoming increasingly important in the City, taking many of the deals that the larger merchant banks cannot handle either because of conflicts or because the larger firms think the deals are too small.

However some of the largest bids of the past couple of years have been led by specialist firms. Hambro Magan advised Swiss Bank Corporation on its purchase of SG Warburg, Rhône-Poulenc Rorer on its bid for Fisons and United News & Media on its merger with MAJ Group.

Acquisitions Monthly found that Hambro Magan advised on 22 deals worth £6.9 billion in the 18 months to June this year, putting it at number 13 in the list of all advisers, while Phoenix worked on 23 deals worth E1.52 billion.

Mail order shopping declines

The home shopping market fell last year, according to Verdict. The retail consultant claims that the industry has information on customers for years, but has failed to capitalise on it. Such information could be used to produce smaller, better-targeted

Instead, says Verdict: "The major companies remain firmly wedded to cumbersome 1,000-page books which seek to be all things to all men — or in the case of the vast majority of mail order agents, women." Home shopping sales in 1995 totalled £7.3 billion, the study calculates, a fall of 21 per cent on the previous year.

Eastern drive

New car sales in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are set to double to nearly three million within the next decade, according to a report published today. Carol Thomas, co-editor of East European Automative Industry Forecast Report, predicts that annual new car demand in these countries will rise to 2.9 million from 1.4

Airport study

A study commissioned by Enlightened Competition, a little-known free-market think-tank, says the construction and operation of Terminal 5 at Heathrow should be put out to tender. The thinktank says BAA has a monopoly, and has threatened legal action if the airport operator is given approval to build and run the terminal.

Imro on Net

Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, has become the first City regulator to launch its own internet site (http://www.imro.co.uk) as fears grow that investors could be conned into handing over money to fraudsters.

US trend likely to set a positive tone

may have drawn some Caromiori from last week's data showing a further fall in manufacturing output, the domestic environment is likely to turn increasingly adverse for the fixed interest market over the next few months. The consumer side of the economy is already pretty strong; retail sales are growing at an annual rate of between 2,5 and 3 per cent, and the housing market is at last enjoying a meaningful recovery. More significantly, there are now also some indications that this buoyant picture will soon spread to the lacklustre industrial

Anecdotal evidence suggests that the latest dip in output was, at least in part, a result of the corporate sector's desire to lower inventory holdings, in addition, survey material is turning increasingly positive.

The purchasing managers index rose to 50.9 in July, from 47.7 in May, and the latest CBI quarterly survey concluded that output expectations are now stronger than at any time since the second quarter of 1988. Although this report has, over the past year. tended towards the overoptimistic, the extent of the turnround, coupled with the rise in business confidence, points quite emphatically towards an improving manufacturing climate.

In view of this, it is not unreasonable to assume that growth in the domestic economy will accelerate over the next six to nine months. Such an outcome need not threaten the benign inflation environment, but, at the very least, it is likely to justify the cautious message on interest rates evident in the Bank of England's recent Inflation Report:

The other key area of con-cern for gilts is the direction of policy ahead of a general

Ithough gilt investors election. Although Kenneth may have drawn some Clarke has tried to reassure investors that the Government will not take risks with the economy, there remains a lingering suspicion that, with the Conservatives still trailing in opinion polls, some-thing will have to be done. Whether this means further interest rate cuts or significant tax reductions is anybody's guess, but there remains deep scepticism that the Chancellor will follow the austere example set by Roy Jenkins in 1970. Policy driven by political considerations and coupled with robust recovery in economic activity is plainly not good news for the

eili markei. However, in the coming months, external influences are likely to be as important for the market as domestic factors, if not more important, and chief among external influences will be the

GILT-EDGED

trend in US interest rates. The Fed may no longer consider the case for pushing up the Funds rate to be as compelling as it appeared even a month ago. The advance GDP figures for the second quarter of the year, though now history, contained an important surprise in the accompanying price indices. These showed that the measured rates of inflation were not only much lower than expected, but below levels in the corresponding period a year ago. The evidence is that wage pressures to which the Fed chairman referred in his recent Humphrey-Hawkins Testimony are being largely offset by productivity in-creases. The US economy is, therefore, able to progress against a backdrop of low

and stable inflation. On the face of it, there is no

interest rates. But will interest have to rise at all? Probably not if growth slows. Wishful thinking? Maybe. Companies continue to meet resistance to price rises. Their sales growth is modest and slowing, and much of the ex-pansion in profit margins is from sustained efforts to curb costs. Business investment is already growing at its slowest since the recovery from the last recession. Any weakness in demand could reverse the recent trend of employment. Consumer spending will soften. Increasingly, talk could turn to disinflation and the prospect of relaxation in monetary policy. The bond market will rally on anticipation of these developments. Watch the dollar. The forex markets are as good a guide as any on the outlook for interest rates. At present, the less steady tone of the dollar suggests that pressure for a rate rise is easing. So what does this imply for

gilts? Although the domestic pull is likely to be broadly negative, the external influence could be surprisingly supportive. A return to yields above 8 per cent cannot be ruled out if the Chancellor is perceived to have thrown caution to the wind in his management of either monetary or fiscal policy. Any resurgence in inflation would provoke a similar response. The risks are clear. Whether they materialise is another matter. Meanwhile, the favourable trend in US Treasuries is likely to set a positive tone in the gilt market. Greater uncertainty may require a widening in yield differentials, but is unlikely to prevent the market participating in a US-inspired rally.

MIKE LENHOFF AND SIMON RUBINSOHN Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management

AIM breaks through the

new issues last week, trading on existing stocks gathered pace, with the FT-SE AIM index rising 19.4 points dur-Firecrest, whose shares resion, was heavily traded on rumours that it is about to

may secure sponsorship deals with Pepsi and Marvel Comics for its indoor theme park. New issues return this week, with the placing of Chemical Design at 110p per

share. However, SkyNet, the car protection company currently trading on Ofex, has decided to pull its flotation.

£77.2 million in June.

name Lehman as its new broker, exposing it to new investors. Shares in Trncadero, the leisure group, rose

Fraser Nelson

£4bn barrier THE Alternative Investment

Market's capitalisation has broken the E4 billion barrier after more than £178 million was raised last month, against Although there were no

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Answers from page 34

(b) An alloy of copper, zinc and iron, used in gun-making. An eponym of the patentee, Johann Aich (3 February, 1860), "Aich's Metal is a brass of the 60/40 type that has good casting

(c) In full, dop brandy, made from grape skins, and fiery rough. The Afrikaans word. "Jim got his daily number of tots of ous doo brandy.

CROCKFORD (c) A colloquial designation of Crockford's Clerical Directors, reference book for the clergy and the Church of England, first issued in 1860 by John Crockford. Not to be confused with the exclusive gambling club opened in St James's Street, London, in 1827 by William Crockford (1775-1844). "In more distant vicarages there were anxious searchings of the Guardian and Crockford."

EN-SOPH (a) In Cabbalistic doctrine, the absolute infinite and incomprehensible God. From the Greek for "One-Wise-Thing". The chief heads of the Cabbalistic Doctrine are these. The Being from whom all things proceed is a Spirit, uncreated, eternal, existing by the necessity of its nature, and filling the immensity of space. This spirit is En-Soph, the Infinite Deity."

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dangerous and defective product. US tobacco stocks fell a tenth in after-hours trading on Wall Street. After umpteen attempts, this was only the second time a US manufacturer had been ruled liable for its customer's lung cancer. A day later Cigar, America's popular wonder horse, ended its winning streak on the racetrack, despite being odds-on to win. It seemed symbolic.

Tobacco groups are trying to put the Grady Carter judgment in perspective. The only other case they ost was reversed on appeal. They claim strong legal grounds to appeal this one. It only covered smoking of Lucky Strike between 1947 and 1972, and might not set a big precedent.

Those who bought US tobacco stocks at the bottom may well make a short-term profit. Britain's BAT Industries, which added American Tobacco, maker of Lucky Strike, to its Brown & Williamson brands in 1994. was not traded in Friday's panic. Its shares will fall this morning, but probably not so far.

Like other cigarette makers in America, BAT has used its formidable cash flow to diversify. It made El billion operating profit from insurance last year, enough to pay most of its dividend. Philip Morris is now one of the world's biggest food companies. Cigarette sales are still growing fast in Eastern Europe and some Asian markets. Big Tobacco

No smoke without fire on tobacco's bumpy road

also has a formidable defensive arsenal to withstand the siege. This year, it won a victory when a US class action was ruled out of court.

As companies' lowly stock market ratings illustrate, however, there is a feeling that even Byzantium must eventually fall to the irresistible forces pressing at its gates. New documents might supply heavier artillery. And if enough health authorities and dying smokers try. they reason, someone will eventual ly find the weak spot.

The Carter case is one of 200 round America being prepared by campaigners as an alternative to the class action. They are not motivated merely by attempts to secure cash for sick clients. Mr Carter's lawyer sees the lawsuits as a powerful weapon of social change".

In a land that takes libertarianism to the point of perversity, moralistic witchhunts are equally traditional, Persecution of the quarter of Americans who smoke is the equivalent of McCarthyism in the 1950s or prohibition a generation earlier. The temperance lobby won its ban, though that failed. Two proponents of McCarthy's thought purge went on to rule the White House for 14



years. McCarthyism was fear. Cigarettes indisputably kill many people, even if argument rages on how physically addictive they are.

When some of the world's largest, most pragmatic and otherwise respectable corporations find that their 400-year-old product is lethal. there are deals to be struck. But when a moral crusade meets siege defence, compromise is hard to find.

The battle against smoking could have three objectives: to compensate victims and pay for their treatment; to persuade the young not to take up smoking and smokers to give up: to close the industry down and end the dangers to health. These aims can

ters know, if you want cash for victims and treatment, you need a living industry making money to tap, much as an ant milks an aphid.

place for a generation to cut demand, have given the industry its strongest legal protection. Without them, it might have been sued to extinction in the West. Campaigners logically also oppose potentially less dangerous new products, such as RI Reynolds' smokeless "Eclipse", and make no distinction between rigarettes and pipes and cigars, which are statistically less lethal. Forcing Big Tobacco out of the business by lawsuits would not stop people smoking unless sales were banned.

would breed crime and draw young

people to other dangerous drugs. Already, there are signs of a back-lash against anti-smoking moves. Given those graphic warnings. vast sales of tobacco as a drug of

choice cannot be blamed only on clever marketing or addiction. Ciga-rettes help confidence-starved adolescents of all ages to cope. Addiction studies claim smoking aids mental alertness and concentration. This column required a pipe. If car drivers all smoked them, road rage should disappear overnight, if only to be replaced by passenger rage.

Sadly, people will continue to want mood-affecting drugs. Experi-ence suggests none will be sale in long-term use. Rules to curb smoking should recognise this. Tony Blair favours a straight ban on cigarette advertising. În America, brand leader Philip Morris has suggested a tougher law against sales to young people, along with bans on vending machines, small packets, posters near schools and promotional material. These suit brand leaders and state monopolies.

To phase out conventional cigarettes, sales might also be banned to anyone born after today, or the beginning of 1990. That would give time and incentive to develop tobacco products or even other drugs with fewer deadly side-effects.

Far more likely, the war of attrition — and steady profits — will continue. As pessimists might note, the coming generation of leaders was born when smoking among pregnant women was at its height.

PADIO CHOICE

When Wolves settled scores

Games That Changed Football. Radio 5 Live. 7.35pm.

In a way, Byron Butler, former BBC football correspondent, was duty In a way, Byron Butler, former BBC football correspondent, was duty bound to fit this programme into his series. Last Monday night he dealt with Hungary's victory over England in 1953 — the home team's first-ever defeat by a continental team at Wembley. Revenge, though not officially at international level, was nonetheless sweet when it came the following year. What is more, it proved to be the catalyst that helped to bring about the birth of the European Cup in 1955. Honved, which included half of the Hungary team, played Wolves, was one of several friendlies Wolves played against top continental clubs. They won 3-2, two of the goals being scored by Roy Swinbourne. He is one of the players Butler interviews tonight.

Composer of the Week. Radio 3, 10am.

Not a day goes by without some Beethoven on Radio 3. He is the current composer of the week. In my book, he is composer not just of the week but the month and even the year. However, today's Radio 3 listings suggest that the network has got cold feet about honouring the genius from Bonn. I quote from today's Radio 3 schedule: "11. "Opm. Composer of the Week: Stravinsky." But that is enough impishness from me for one day. The simple truth is that the genius from Oranienbaum was last week's composer of the week and the late night Stravinsky organizations. late night Stravinsky programmes are just repeats. Perhaps Radio 3 should call them Composer of Lost Week. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

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S.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with Disna Madik 12.00 Midday with Marr 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide, not at 5.45 Ententainment News 7.00 News Estra, incl. at 7.20 Sports Builetin 7.35 Games that Changed Footbell. See Choice 8.05 Parkmson on Sport 9.05 Sportshack 9.35 On the Job 10.05 News Talk 10.35 Radio 5 Live at the Fringe, Janice Forsyth reports Irom Edinburgh 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Michight 1,05 The Race for the White House 4.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

8.30em Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1,00pm Anna Reebum 3,00 Tommy Boyd 5,00 Peter Deeley 7,00 Sports Zone 10,00 James Whale 1,00em lan Collins

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Nick Bailey 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchlime Concerto Berber (Cello Concerto) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonata Mendelssohn (Cello Sonata No 1 in 8 flat insignt 7.00 Celebrity Choice (r) 8.00 Evening Concert. MacCum (Concert Overture: The Land of the Mountain and the Flood): David Foulis (Sonata No 3 in E); Bruch (Sootish Songstrom the Scots Musical Museum 10.4 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00mm Ruse 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skroper 19.00 Graham Dana 4.00cm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark

RADIO 3

6.00em On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Franck (Sonata in A): Inlante (Trois danses andalouses); J.H. Roman (Concerto Grosso in B flat); Telemann (Gulliver Suite); Rossini (Overture: The Silken

> Bach (Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041); Donzetti (Favorita del re... Spirito genti, La Favonte, Act 4); Villa-Lobos (Bachians Brasileira No 4); Debussy.

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10.00 Composer of the Week:
Beethoven. See Choice
11.00 Edinburgh International
Festival. Live from the

Queen's Hall Boje Skovhus, baritone, and Helmut Deutsch, plano, perform songs by Schubert, Schumann and Strauss 11.50 Festival Stooshies Colin Bell examines the development of he opera house in Edinburgh 12.10pm Concert Part 2

1996. Peter Donohoe and Martin Ruscoe, planos. Mozart, arr Grieg (Fantasia in C minor, K475): Debussy, arr (Variations on a Theme of Paganini), Grainger (Fantasy on Gershwin's Porgy and

2.05 The Ulster Orchestras. under En Shao With Torleif Thedeen, cello Holst (Egdon Health): Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minori: Ives (Symphony No 2)

3.45 Voices. The naturalist Sir Devid Atlenborough talks to lain Burnside about the songs he chooses to take on his

expeditions
4.30 First Base. Alyn Shipton
continues his profile of the
bassist Rey Brown (3/6)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Kit

Andrew Green, Includes Purcell (Sonata No 9 In F, Z810); Respighi (Circuses, Roman Festivals); thee, Elijah) 7.30 BBC Proms 1996, Live from

the Albert Hall in London. John Williams, gulfar, BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus, Spanish National Youth Orchestra, under Youth Orchestra, under Edmond Colomer, Gerhard (The Plague) 8.15 The Shock of the Familiar 8.35 Proma Part 2. Rodingo (Concianto de Aranjuez); Ravel (Bolero) 9.40 Cultural Baggage: Dogs A series which explores modern culture, locusing on inclividual themes (1/4) (r)

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19.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall

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11.30 Composer of the Weelc
Igor Stravinsky (t)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Richard
Nies Featuring the BBC Big
Band under Rob McConnell

1.00 Through the Night, with
Donald Macleod

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for
the Day 8.40 The Changing
Franci Degris Potter's uses Forest, Dennis Potter's view of the Forest of Dean, read by Robert Glenister (1/5) 8.58

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Headingley 11.30 Inside Money (FM) (5/6) (r) 12.00 News; You and Yours (FM) with Chris Choi 12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996 (FM) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) 1.55

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2.00 News; True Blue (FM), by
Jez Simons and Jyoli Patel
The story of an Indian woman's struggle to become a Tory MP With Sucha Bhuchar, Attab Sachak, William Boyd and Vanessa Rosenthal (r) 2.00 The Attention Shift (FM), 4.00 News (FM), 4.05

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confaining, among other things, grey squirrel (3/4) (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Spell Number 7. Niozake Shange's for ractio by Bonnie Greer With

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9.80 Just a Part of the Furniture:
The Bath Claire Jenkins looks
at what furniture can reveal about people's lives and personalmes (r) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Owen Bennett Jones
10.45 Book at Bedtime:
Washington Square. Tom
Wilkman reads Henry James's story Abridged by John Taylor (1/10) 11.00 No Illusions, Authors, himmakers and producers are

so popular? 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret
History, by Donna Tarti
Read by Wiffiam Hope (11/15)
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FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.5-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.6; MW 197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara,



Otherwise the industry might disappear, as US (though not British) asbestos firms have. It would not be hard to orphan tobacco liabilities. Government health warnings, in

> Little tobacco would fill the gap. In America, at least, it is not hard

to outlaw tobacco. If cigarettes were classified as a nicotine delivery mechanism, the Food and Drug Administration could hardly pass them as safe. But, as Americans know from the 1920s, prohibition

Alasdair Murray on initiatives from a nation with more to it than Guinness

Spring in the step of the Irish

date for a Laurence Olivier award than for accolades about its role in regenerating the Irish economy. The show, a blend of traditional and modern Irish music and dance, has been a huge hit in the West End. as well as spawning a chart-topping single, a best-selling video and

countless showbiz stories. However, Maria O'Sullivan, project manager for Lir FM, an Irish radio station bidding for the latest London FM franchise, is convinced that Riverdance has had a more lasting cultural and economic impact, paving the way for the development of businesses such as her own. She says: "You can't underestimate the importance of Riverdance. It has had a huge promotional

impact."
The Irish are the largest ethnic minority in Britain. Although putting a number on the Irish in Britain is complicated by their tendency quickly to blend into the rest of the population, recent estimates are of six million firstgeneration or secondgeneration Irish. However, until the past couple of years. there has been no real attempt to tap into this huge potential market, beyond the creation of a few forbidding pubs. In contrast, the US has for many

years had businesses chasing

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Riverdance is seen as setting the stage for Irish broadcasters coming to the UK to try to attract Britons and the UK's Irish community alike the "green dollars" of the 44 million self-proclaimed Irish

Suddenly, however, businesses have decided to chase the "green pound" in the UK. RTE, the Irish broadcaster, is helping to back Tara, an Irishthemed cable station, and there have been two consortiums bidding to run an Irishstyle radio station on the latest London FM franchise. The Irish financial services sector has also come looking for new custom in the UK, and Irish travel companies have tapped into the growing desire of the Irish community to make regular trips home.

These businesses are trying to take advantage of some fundamental changes in the Irish community in the UK. Until recently, Irish immigrants arriving in the UK were often impoverished and poorly educated. Given the uneasy political relations between the two countries, they also tended to keep a low profile in their

adopted country However, the Irish Republic has changed dramatically in the past decade, becoming a more outward-looking, self-confident nation, and Irish immigrants arriving in the

UK reflect that change. Harry Doherty, secretary of the Irish Club of Great Britain, says: "Many of the Irish population in the UK are now graduates and professionals. They are not going abroad out of necessity and in the UK they are coming out of their shells and reclaiming their heri-

Ms O'Sullivan says: "The Irish community is more and more organised. It has a

City guns

WILL anyone in the City celeb-

rate the Glorious Twelfth? Sir

Rocco Forte, who was shaving

before a pheasant shoot on the Yorkshire Moors when he

heard that Granada had put in

a bid for his hotel group, won't be. His secretary said: "He's

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and Sir Alick Rankin, Scottish & Newcastle's chairman, will

NOT such a Glorious Twelfth

also be too busy to shoot.

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greater sense of its own voice." Riverdance and other Irish cultural contributions, from U2 to the Irish film industry, have had an important role in this transformation. Irishness Itas become far more marketable throughout Europe. Irish bars, well-designed and friendly, are springing up across Europe at about one a

The Irish Republic has become a popular tourist destination. O'Doherty. who is helping to establish the Tara cable station, says: "Ireland has become much more hip these days. Dublin is now officially competing with Prague, Amsterdam and Paris as a 'cool' weekend destinat-

> The increasing cultural importance of Ireland has been matched by its remarkable economic performance over the past few years. The country's GDP grew by more than 10 per cent last year, the lastest rate in the industrialised world, and it is predicted to continue growing by about 6.5 per cent this year. By the end of this year, GDP will have risen by about a quarter since the start of 1994. with the number of people in work up by iZ2,000.

A far stronger Irish corpo-

rate sector is keen to flex its muscles in new markets. Inevitably, the UK with its linguistic and geographical ties with the Irish Republic has proved an attractive destination for new investment. It also has the advantage of having an increasingly affluent Irish population.

The Tara cable station is being launched next month and aims to reach ten million homes over the next few years. The channel is majorityowned by United International Holdings, a cable company based in the us that has invested £10 million in the project. United is convinced that not only is there a definable Irish market waiting to be reached, but that plenty of advertisers are willing to

buv airtime. Mr O'Doherty says: "There are a lot of potential advertisers in the financial services, drinks and travel sectors who are keen to reach a niche market this way."

Tara is also being backed by RTE, the Irish television station, which will provide most of the programming for it. RTE has an annual programming spend of £115 million. similar to the prospective spend of the new Channel 5 in the UK, and Tara believes that it will be able to attract a broad

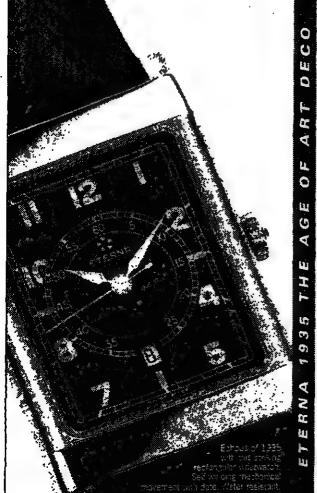
audience through the quality of its programmes. However. Mr O'Doherty emphasises that the station will not be aimed just at the Irish community. "It will provide a broad mix of entertainment with an Irish flavour rather than simply trying to reproduce RTE in the UK," he said. We hope to attract other viewers who have an interest

in Irish culture." Lir FM, the potential Irish radio station in London, has a similar strategy. Lir - backed by three Irish radio compunies and a private UK investor hopes to tap into the estimated 600,000 people of Irish descent in the capital, but will also try to tempt the thousands who enjoy Irish entertainment such as Riverdance.

Only time will tell whether ventures such as Tara and Lir succeed. However, Jennie Halsall, a media consultant for Riverdance, believes that optimism generated by the show will prove infectious. "Until Riverdance came along. Irish business was almost entirely associated with Guinness," she says. "But now, there is a recognition that there are major opportunities in entertainment, food, drink and media. One day, Irishthemed businesses will be

huge."

CITY DIARY



THE TIMES

for staff at the Pension Ombudsman's office. The DSS has announced that it plans to cut the salaries of the ombudsman's investigators by up to a third, reducing senior employees' salaries fi about £31,000 to £21,000.

A dry number

CHRISTIE'S wine sales assed a record £17 million in 1995-96 season, making it the most successful in the wine department's 30-year history and we have a fair idea why. A mysterious buyer from the US. who was among the highest bidders, picked up a bill of about £50,000. But when Paul Bowker, head of Christie's wine department, took the East Coast call, he could

hardly hear the caller. "It was one of the most expensive wines, and I knew it was early in the morning over there. explains Bowker. "When I told him I was having difficulty, he said he'd try taking his phone outside the shower."

PETER ROBINSON, the for mer chief executive of the Woolvich Building Society. tions that he borrowed the company Range Rover and decorated his £450,000 Kent home with the help of Woolwich decorators, is adding fuel to rumours that the Man from the Pru has been in touch to ask his sage advice. But would the Pru be so unwise as to approach the

wich savers "carpetbaggers and risk alienating the board of the building society it is believed to want to buy?

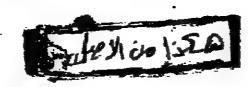
Executive action

WHAT do you do if you are a basy chief executive whose train is cancelled the day after your company's results meeting in the capital? Makolm Jones, of Bensons Crisps, who was furious with British Rail for its "poor communication" after last week's train crash. taxied from Euston to Heath row, then took the shuttle to Manchester. He called his partner from his mobile, to make sure she could meet him at the airport. Nice work.

MORAG PRESTON







A heart-rending, mind-blowing weekend

The way to imagine the brain, apparently, is as a blancmange inside a discuit tin. This helpful image was provided by a neurosurgeon in the course of Kay Mellor's excellent two-hour drama Some Kind of Life (FTV) last night. It's an image which will live with me for a considerable time. No amount of asking "How about a Quality Street tin?" or "What if the tin is lined with doilies?" will ever quite dispel its power.

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Jane Horrocks's husband Steve (Ray Stevenson) had suffered brain damage in a bike crash: and the way to imagine the effect (said the surgeon) was that his biscuit tin, containing the blancmange, had been hurled at a wall. She gulped; the audience gulped; and some of us looked very glum indeed. Every time we saw Steve after that, we could hear the clash of thin metal on brick, and imagine his brain all squashed up in one corner of his head.

Some Kind of Life was the sort of drama I usually can't abide. Stories about heroic domestic carers are customarily based on real people, and are thus not only constrained by the facts, but written and performed to flatter. Julie Walters is often crucially involved. From the start of last night's compelling film, however, one felt in safe hands, with terrific acting, great photography, and everything ringing true dramatically: Horrocks, as Alison, ticked the check-list of predictable emotions — disbelief, rage, hope, despair — while circles darkened around her eyes, but when she cried, she really meant it. Steve recovered enough to call everybody "Stupid", but he would never remember about being Alison's husband. "Do you love me?" Alison asked him, finally, over a romantic dinner he didn't understand. He nodded vaguely. "Yes. Is Rosie coming tomorrow?"

So finally Alison did a most remarkable thing. She stopped hoping. In the last ten minutes of the film, having ensured that her now infantile husband was comfortable and cared-for, she put her little son in a taxi and left home. Steve didn't need her. None of this was explained in big speeches: Kay Mellor's masterly script was under-stated from beginning to end. Ali-son's decision was therefore shocking, but as clear as light. Stopping on the Yorkshire lane where her "real Steve" had crashed, she niaced flowers on the road. Everybody knew it: the real Steve was simply never coming back.

ot a particularly happy subject for a Monday morning, but don't blame me: blame the blancmange. Steve was no longer Steve because he had lost Steve's memories, just as the women in Tony Harrison's brilliant 1993 Screenplay, Black A Comment

Lynne Truss

Daixies for the Bride (BBCZ, repeated last night) had lost their identities in the blizzard of Uzheimer's. The person that you know is no longer there, but the shell is there," said a relative in Black Daisies, in voice-over. "It's like a bereavement," said another. "It is a bereavement. It's horrible." Meanwhile the women tall real Alzheimer's patients, with real post lives beautifully evoked by

talked nonsense, drummed their heels, rolled their tongues, repeat-ed "I love you, I love you". "She was ever so clever," said a relative of Kathleen's, heart-breakingly. Memory serves a double tragedy here: a tragedy Kathleen is no longer clever: a tragedy somebody can remember when she was. Anybody interested in the fall-bility of the brain had a cudgelling weekend of it actually: with Ken

Campbell's Brainspotting (Channel 4) also devoting an hour to the investigation of consciousness with lots of shots of a detached brain bubbling in a blue-lit tank. and a surgeon drawing firm black pencil lines on Campbell's own, well-shaped bald head. "Where in my brain do I reside?" he wanted to know, but various philosophers and scientists failed to help him with an exact location. Apparently the Ancient Greeks barked up the wrong tree completely, fancying

the seat of breath. This mistake is understandable, however, once you remember the Greeks had no teatime assortments to help with the frame of reference.

Greenfield pictured the brain as a system of energies grouping and regrouping in different areas, like emergency services on a Saturday night explanation makes sense of a few everyday puzzles, actually, such as the ability to drive 40 miles without noticing, or that irritating thing when you run upstairs and then can't remember why. But while I am happy to think that other people's consciousness may work like this, I agree with Campbell's less sophisticated theory that there is a "little geezer" inside my own head, whom I rely on. Remember Dannie Abse's poem about a real-life brain surgery patient, who intones thrillingly on the operating table: "Leave my soul alone"? Now that was a little geezer speaking, or my name's not whatsit.

So. What a fascinating weekend. Low on mindless entertainment. but high on mindlessness. Seeking alternative stimulation, I watched the first part of Stephen King's The Stand on Saturday (BBCI) but it was rubbish. No preamble should take 90 minutes, even if the ultimate subject is the annihilation of America's population by a virulent flu. Atchoo. The story kept switching locations ("Queens, New York"), and discovering more people coughing, but there is a limit to the number of times this is interesting. Still, somebody quoted Yeats, which was nice. Just a shame he called him "Yeets". "Things fall apart, the centre does not hold," he said. Sounds like what happens to the little geezer. when he's thrown against a wall.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast 7.00 BBC Breaklast News (Ceelax) (47367) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (2032541) £320 Della Smith's Summer Collection (:)

(Ceelax) (7659812) 9.50 Gourmet ireland (s) (5093812) 10.20 Florida Folic That's Showbusinessi

(2621541) 10.45 News (Cestex) and weather (5768314) 10.50 Cricket - Second Test: England v

Pakistan, (7379930) 12.00 News (Castax) (1792928) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (4955831)

12.35 Neighbours (6793034) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceetax) (40454) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45060522)

1.35 Cricket (73142305) 5.35 Neighboure (449760) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceefex) (831) 6.30 Regional News magazines (183)

7.00 The Good Food Show (5473) 7.30 The Rantzen Report: Neighbourhood Rage. This week's topic is the increase in disputes between neighbours (2/3) (367)

8.00 EastEnders. Lonzine moves into the square for good. Alen has a surprise visitor at the night cale (Ceelax) (s) (1893) 8.30 Oh Doctor Beeching! Past Love Two new arrivals are greeted with mixed emolions(1788)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetex) (1638) 9,30 Out of the Blue New boy Lew shows his true colours when he pursues the killer of an Asian owner of a minicab firm. Eric Marty finds the adoption process tougher than he thought. With John Duttine, Neil Dudgeon, Devid Morrissey, Oria Bredy, Peter Wright and Lennis James (Ceefex)

10.25 The X Plies: Roland. Top scientists at an seronautics research laboratory die in ious circum mentally handicapped lenitor the only other person around at the time of the incident is the janitor connected to a continuing series of murders? Mulder tries to find out. With David Duchovny and

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2.25 11.10 Match of the Seventies. Dennis Waterman introduces the series which mixes classic football action from the 1970s with gossip and pop music of the time. Tonight, the story of the 1977-78 sesson, with Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest winning the title and Liverpool

conquering Europe (992837) NORTHERN IRELAND: 11.10 Dublin Horse Show 11.50 Match of the Seventies 12.30mm Film: No Room to Run 2.35

1,50 FILM: No Room to Rum (1978) On a visit to Sydney, a public relations executive i asked to deliver a batch of contracts to a client. As he hands over the briefcase he is jumped on by two men. Suddenty he finds himself on the run and wanted for (Paula Prentiss), the Sydney Opera House PR, for refuge. Directed by Robert

1.30em Weather (6913787)

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6,00am Open University: Cognitive Development (3804270) 6.25 Powers of the President (4591560) 7.15 See Hear Broakfast News(6149386)

BBC2

7.30 The Family Ness (8392589) 7.35 Johnson and Friends (1414760) 7.45 Lassie (r) (s) (1971947) 8.10 Smurts' Adventures (5575270) 8.35 To Me . . . to You (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6537873) 9.05 Spiderman (2039454) 9.25 Smart (7665473) 9.50 Puppydog Tales (3263638) 10.00 Playdays (s) (7200218)

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1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (8152831) 2.20 Crawshew Peints on Holiday (r) (87425096) 2.45 A Life of Knowledge (4575560) 3.00 News (1871386) 3.05 Natural World (1) (Ceefsu) (s) (1942909) 3.55 News (2465657 3.55 News (3456657)

4.00 Cartoon (5605744) 4.05 Fudge (8) (3465305) 4.30 It'll Never Work (r) (s) (880) 5.00 Newsround (2085021) 5.10 Sera (Ceelax) (8) (4401251)

6.10 The Champions (Ceefex) (481473) 7.00 Seven Ages of Man: Molty Perkin (Ceefax) (3015)

5,35 Cricket (s) (139706)

7.30 Edinburgh Night. The last of the thrice-weekly reports from the 50th Edinburgh Festival (a) (909) S.00 The Day That Changed My Life: Funny Business. (6/6) Six years ago, Geoff Schumann gave up everything to pursue his dream of becoming a stand-up comedian (2763) 8.30 Wildlife Showcase The danger faced on the Massi Mara by a family of warthogs (Ceefsx) (a) (1270)



Bridging the age gap (9.00pm)

9.00 Modern Times: Years Apart. A film following three couples who dely social convention by choosing to be together despite an age gap of 25 years (Ceelax) (s) (827473)

9.45 Grace. A film chronicing one woman's gradual mental collapse in the face of Alzheimer's disease (Ceefax) (a) (809638) Followed by Video Nation

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefex) (117589) 11.15 Cricket Highlights (s) (792454) Followed 12.00 Grace Under Fire(Ceeiat) (s) (29868)

12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University: Jets and Stack Holes (99139) 1.00 Picturing the Modern City Meestro Collections 1 (13313) 4.00 Languages: España Viva: When In Spain, Olez Temas (76042) 5.30 BBC Focus: RCN Nursing Update (20597)

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The Day That Changed My Life: Funny

BBC2, 8.00pm Devotees of the black comedy show, The Real McCoy, may remember an excellent stand-up comedian called Gooff Schumann, Given his size, and he bills himself as "The Big Man of Comedy", he is hard to forget. In this film Schumann reveals that going into the entertainment business was a sudden career move and one he kept secret from his family for a year. In beeping with the expectations of his middle-class father, who professions. Schumann trained as a teacher. Then one day he took his class to see a cornedy show and saw the light. Dad is still not reconciled. Drawing on the experiences of other black cornedians. Schumann reflects intelligently on his craft and in particular the compromises he feels obliged to make when playing before white audiences.

Strictly Dancing: Ceroc Channel 4, 8.30pm

Ceroc is not exactly a dance craze, or it would be more widely known, but it is finding increasing favour among 18 to 35-year-olds who want to buck the recent trend and take the floor with a partner. James Cronin, who brought Ceroe to Britain from France, says it is the dance equivalent to fast food. It is easy to learn and there are no formalities. Older viewers who suspect that they have seen something like Ceroc before will be right. Essentially it is the jitterbug which was imported to Europe by American GIs and developed into the jive. The first film in a series on "alternative" dances gives a helpful exposition of the Ceroc steps and talks to some of its devotees. If this sample is typical, they are drawn mainly from the ranks of young professionals such as lawyers, sales executives, bankers and lecturers.

Modern Times: Years Apart BBC2. 9.00pm

despite an apparently unbridgeable age gap come before the camera and let us in on their recipes for happiness. Not that love has always run smoothly. Steven married a woman older than his mother and mum has never been able to accept it. She and Steven have not seen each other for five years. In have not seen each other for five years. In fact, tying the knot with Virginia (who is now 56 to his 28) not only alienated his family but many of his friends. It was very different for Kathryn, a 17-year-old schoolgirl, when she left in love with Alan (44). Her parents actually bought her a double bed so that Alan could come to stay. The relationship of Mike, 50, and his wife, Veneta, 18, is professional as well as personal. She is a retinned and he if her measurer.

Channel 4, 10,000m

The Baltimore-based detective series returns with a couple of new characters and promising to make less use of those dizzying tump cuts. Certainly the camerawork seems less intrusive this time, or perhaps we have got used to it. The mainstays of the show are its surface realism and the often barbed interplay between members of the regular team. On its own the detective work is team. On its own the detective work is unexceptional and tonight's episode about a warehouse fire which might be murder or arson does not score highly for original plotting. But the focus is more on the detectives than the crime, with a sharp sense of rank and hierarchy. With the elevation of Megan Russert (Isabella Hoffman) above Giardello (Yaphet Kotto), students of political correctness may note that the top three in the division are a black, a woman and another black.

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6.00am GMDIV (4145928) 9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn

9.50 Hope and Gloria (5088990) 10.20 (TN News (Teletext)(5311638) 10.25 Regional News (Teletext) 10.30 FILM: Fire --- Trapped on the 37th Floor (1991) starring Lee Majors Directed by

Robert Day (40744980) **12.20pm Regional News** (1781812) 12.30 ITN News and weather (6789831)

12,55 Shortland Street (6764522) 1.25 Coronation Street (6521522) 2.90 Home and Away (87432385) 2.25 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (8268134)

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5.10 Our House (s) (5732947) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (552183) 8.00 Home and Away (r) (468855)

6.25 Regional News (126218) 6.50Let's Go (506725) 7,00 The List (8611) 7.30 Coronation Street Das and Clairs find

that three's a crowd. Sam takes Gary for a



The late Tommy Cooper (8.00pm)

8.00 Classic Cooper, Highlights from the career of the late Tommy Cooper (6589) 8,30 Take Your Pick (5096)

9.00 In Suspicious Circumstances. Edward Woodward presents dramatisations of two true crime mysteries (Teletext) (s)

10.00 News at Ten andweather (53589) 10.30 Regional News and weather(734893) 10.40 Limited Edition: Rolinda Sharples Painted out of History (r) (122560)

11.10 Fire in the Sky (122034) 11.49 Immer Journeys: Blaine Heller (1/2) (f) (Teleted) (155522) 12.10pm Good Advice (f) (5173077)

12.40 Bushell on the Box (s) (8129416) 1.10 The Big Match — Replayed, Classic (ootbell action from 1972 (7699690) 1.55 The Orime Hour presented by Penny

2.55 FILM: The Frightened Man (1952, b/w). Crime drama starring Dermot Walsh and Barbara Murray. Directed by John Gilling

4.05 Jones and July (r) (64090874) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (60503)

5.00 An invitation to Remember: Charlie Drake (r) (45706)

5.30 ITN Morning News (17023). Ends at

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6.25 Wales Tonight (290218) 7.00-7.30 House to House (6611) 10.40 People Like Us (122560) 11.10 International Rugby Sevens (302763)

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4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (164) 4.30 Countdown (Teletad) (8) (676) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show: I'm Married to a Raclet (Telefect) (5) (8808947)

5.45 Snapshots (r) (826270) 6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (541) 6.30 Boy Meets World: Rave On, Eric and Cory combine a party with anniversary celebrations for their parents (Teletext) (a)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (318473) 7.55 The Slot (635096)

8.00 If I Were Prime Minister (5/6), Tonight's would-be leader is Tommy Sheridan, a Scottish socialist (Teletaxt) (8) (7831)



Jiving - French style (8.30pm)

Strictly Denoting: Cerce.
[1/6] C'est le Roc arrived from
France in the early 1980s, it attracts as many men as women, not least because learning it is supposed to be easy (Teletext) (s) (3638)

9.00 Sex and the Scientists: Seauty and the Beasts. (2/3) How women have had an impact on the scientific world (Teletext) (a) (5947)

Homicide — Life on the Street: Fire (1/2) A third series of the gritty American detective series begins, with officers a loggerheads (Teletext) (5) (8034)

11,00 The Cuben Excludables. Documentary offences (815812) 12.10am Extinguel Drama (s) (4106145)

12.30 FILM: Amnesia (1994). Two former prison guards face choosing between revenge or learning to live with their memories. Directed by Gorzalo Justiniano, in Spanish with English subtities (s) (594416) 2.10 FILM: Banana Ridge (1941, b/w). Delightful farce starting (sabel Jeans and Robertson Here. Directed by Watter C. Mycroft (166787). Ends et 3.45am

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Murphets Take Mamhattas (1984) (18978) 2.00pm Roman Holiday (1983) (45034) 4.00 April in Paris (1982) (7034) 6.00 Bedmer's Country (1986) (252/1) 2.00 The Evil of Frankenstein (1964) (37015) 10.00 Papillon (1973) (37453560) 12.35mx Computation (1983) (115065) 2.20 The Driver (1978) (982787) 3.55-5.05 Bedman's Country (1958) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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SKY TRAVEL 11.00em Blomerang (5222183) 11.30 America's Great Outdoors (2207299) 12.30pm Cooking in France (7029657) 1,00 Getmany (2805034) 1.30 Great Es-



We are not alone. The Martian Chronicles (Sci-fi channel, 8.00pm)

capes (6479196) 2.60 Trailsole (21) 2.50 Maristons (8556744) 3.00 Globs (2193216) 3.36 Around The (7525265) 3.56-4.00 Holiday Shop THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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DISCOVERY 4.00pm Islands of the Pacific Hawaii (5657893) 8.00 Tima Travellers (5186875) 8.30 Jurassus (6763562) 8.00 Beyond 200 (508019) 7.00 VMo Timbox Window on the Wild (2796819) 7.30 Mysteries, Margo and Miracks (551329) 8.00 The Memisps of Pocahonias (4485399) 8.30 Lords of the Ammals (1241724) 9.00 Croccolle Hunters (1416676) 1.000 Lotts Elice Project M1-11 (1419783) 11.00-12.00 Justice Files (2445541)

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Whitbread to seek links with regionals

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

WHITBREAD, the fast growing brewing and leisure group, is hoping to form a series of strategic alliances with regional brewers as a way of fighting back against the creation of the biggest brewer in Britain with the proposed £200 million merger between Bass and

Carlsberg-Tetley,
A tie-up with Whitbread, which once dominated the industry, would also prove attractive for regional brewers. They are keen to find a partner to avoid being squeezed out by Scottish & Newcastle and Bass, which will control about 70 per cent of the beer market between them if the Carlsberg-Tetley deal is allowed to proceed.

That purchase, expected to be announced tomorrow, will

involve Bass buying out Allied Domecq's 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg-Tetley, while Carlsberg of Denmark, the other joint-venture partner, will swap its stake for 20 per cent of Bass's combined brew-

ing operations.
Whitbread, which owns brands such as Murphy's stout, Heineken, and Boddington's, is expected to be left

the latest round of consolidation presents it with several options to fight back.

Michael Angus is chairman.

trailing with only 15 per cent of the total market. Whitbread opposed Scottish & Newcas-tle's acquisition of Courage last year, but has been more muted in its criticism of the Carisberg-Tetley deal. The company believes that

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Bifu plea to see job cuts report

A.LEADING financial services union has called on the insurance industry to publish without delay a hard-hitting report which suggests the sector will shed up to 100,000 jobs in the next five years.

Bernadette Fisher, a negotiating officer for insurance at Bifu, the banking, insurance and finance union, said that after the merger between United Friendly and Refuge - at a cost of 1,800 posts on top of the 5.000 lost from the tie-up between Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance - it was 'a matter of extreme at the report con piled for the Association of British Insurers by Price Waterhouse, the accountant, be published immediately.

insurance analysts have

try was an overcrowded sector and could shrink by up to 25 per cent through mergers and takeovers by the year 2000. The present 320,000-strong workforce is expected to bear the brunt of the sector's rationalisation. Ms Fisher said: "It is very

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important that we see the report and its conclusions on where the job losses will fall and what has caused them. We believe that customers will lose out on products and in competition of merger mania."

The ABI last night said it had not yet been decided when or if the report would be published.

has the option to keep its beer prices low, once expected rises are pushed through, so undercutting the two bigger rivals. Alternatively, it could try to win over floating customers after Bass begins its expected cull of unwanted brands. But top of the agenda is a series of tie-ups with regionals to help to improve Whit-bread's own portfolio while gaining access for its other brands to more pubs.

Vaux, based in Sunderland, is one potential partner as it brews some Labatt beers that were acquired by Whitbread in May. However, Whitbread is as likely to look to secondtier regional players such as King and Barnes for alliances. Such a strategy would re-

vive memories of the "Whitbread umbrella", a vast array of shareholdings the company built up in regional brewers after the end of the Second World War. Whitbread now has only one stake. in Brakespear, the small regional brewer, and is unlikely to want revive such a close relationship. Instead, Whitbread will con-

centrate on striking deals modelled on its agreement with Wadworth, of Devizes, to distribute its 6X beer. The 20year licence allows Wadworth to concentrate on its own pub and regional brewing activities, while Whitbread plugs a hole in its portfolio.

Whitbread may also look at taking on contract brewing from the regionals as well offering its own brands, and especially its lagers, to help to broaden the small brewers' portfolios. But the company will be keen to emphasise to the City that it is more interested in adding new premium beers; and especially market share.

Whitbread has steadily reduced the importance of its brewing division over the past few years, concentrating on its retail and leisure divisions. which now constitute 85 per cent of its business.



Sir Michael Angus, of Whitbread, has put the quest for alliances at the top of the agenda

Managers expect rates to rise

BY ROBERT MILLER

CITY fund managers responsible for looking after £931 rates to rise over the next year, rather than fall further, according to the latest Merrill Lynch/Gallup monthly survey

out today. At least 81 per cent of the 74 institutions polled predict the Bank of England will raise the

will survive in the long term

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2.8 per cent for end-1996.

On the equity markets, the survey notes a sharp drop in the number of managers looking to raise their exposure to Pacific Rim shares, with the net balance down to 7 per cent from 21 per cent previously.

base rate, compared with 64 On a 12-month view of the UK per cent in July. Inflation market managers have bepositive balance of 32 per cent of those polled, compared with

20 per cent last time. The balance of managers planning to reduce their cash holdings is II per cent, compared with 7 per cent who wanted to raise cash in July.

Utilities are braced for mauling by * watchdogs

BY MARTIN WALLER

TWO of Britain's privatised utilities are set for a regulatory savaging this week and proposed price cuts that would knock hundreds of millions of pounds off the profits of both British Gas and the National

Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Ofgas, is expected this week to publish her long-awaited final proposals for price controls on TransCo, British Gas's pipeines business.

She is believed by City observers to have softened slightly on her earlier plans. which at worst would have meant a 28 per cent cut on the charges shippers pay to use

the TransCo network. She is now thought to have settled on a cut of perhaps 20 per cent, representing a £20 reduction in bills paid by British Gas's 18 million customers. Although this would represent a significant moderation of her original stance, it would still probably be unac-

ceptable to the company. If the proposals are rejected out of hand by British Gas, the maner goes automatically to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. This might prove a political advantage to the Government, throwing the eventual resolution to the bitter conflict between company and regulator to beyond any

general election. But it would leave the stock market and British Gas's investors with months of uncertainty. The company's management has argued that such stringent regulation is effectively retrospective, aimed at clawing back profits already booked. The result of such a move would be thousands of lost jobs, a probable cut in dividends and question marks over the safety of the pipeline business because of lack of

On Tuesday Professor Ste-phen Littlechild, the electricity industry regulator, will announce proposed price cuts for National Grid. Although these would only knock a few pounds off electricity bills.

they would have a drastic impact on the company's finances. National Grid shares have been a poor performer since the company arrived on the stock market in December, but the stiff pricing regime the market expects, requiring an initial price cut of between 20 and 30 per cent, is likely to send them further into

We're braced for back news," admitted one source close to the company.

Tax cut of 2p forecast

The "feel-good" factor has returned to the UK economy, and consumer de-mand will be further strengthened by a 2p tax cut in November's Budget. a new quarterly economic report forecasts.

The report today by the Chartered Institute of Marketing says the prop-erty market is more buoyant, wage increases are expected to outstrip prices and manufacturing production is picking up, albe-

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The £500 million auction for the Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepif) is intensifying amid speculation that an improved offer will be made by TR European Growth, the rival trust, this week, There are thought to be about a dozen other poten-

Rate fears

Borrowers in Ireland are bracing themselves for a rise in interest rates this week after the Central Bank's refusal to stem the rise of wholesale rates over the past ten days.

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Yellow card for smaller clubs

By Alasdair Murray difficult to see how some clubs

MANY football clubs face extinction if the gap between rich and poor continues to accelerate, according to a report published today by Deloitte & Touche, the accountant. Cash-strapped clubs are be-

ing particularly hard hit by spi-

ralling wage bills, which increased by an average to per cent in 1994-95 and are in danger of running out of control. Deloitte found, in its

Annual Review of Football Finance, that most clubs are struggling to stay affoat in spite of the image of a game awash with cash. Gerry Boon, chairman of the Deloitte & Touche football industry team, said: "The trickle-down is decreasing

each year. The losses at the

Football League clubs are a

ing an average of E703,000. £20 million. a

nuoteri club. Tottenham Hotspur, was runner-up with a reported profit of more than \$5 million. Only three other clubs, Aston Villa, Chelsea and Leicester. made profits of more than £2 million. Transfer fees in all divisions totalled El10 million in 1994-95, a 20 per cent increase on the previous year.

US ruling expected to knock BAT

SHARES in BAT Industries. Britain's main producer of cigarettes for the American market, are expected to fall sharply on the stock market this morning as analysts digest the implications of a defeat in a Florida court for the company's US subsidiary

(Martin Waller writes). A jury found on Friday in favour of Grady Carter, 66 and a smoker from 1947 to 1991, when he was diagnosed as suffering from lung cancer. He was suing BAT's Brown & Williamson, buyer in 1993 of American Tobacco which produces Lucky Strike, his fuvourite brand.

record for the He claimed he contracted the disease from smoking and was misled by advertising that made him believe smoking was safe. BAT says it is confident of winning on

appeal.

A BAT spokesman said last night: "He was well aware of what the risks of smoking are claimed to be, and he chose to

Graham Searjeant, page 38 cause for concern and it is

Restaurants chief under fire

Pay rise of 400 per cent angers investors

Aberdeen Steak Houses Group, will today face the wrath of his small shareholders as he tries to push through a 400 per cent pay rise. although the company refuses to pay investors a dividend (Alasdair Murrey writes).

Mr Salih has 80 per cent of the shares. He is increasing his salary and pension contributions from £105,000 last year to £450,000.

Houses Shareholders Group. which represents the compa-ny's small shareholders, is angry that Mr Salih is enjoying a pay rise, and was paid a bonus of £185,000 for increasing profits last year, while the company has failed to pay a dividend for seven years.

The restaurant company, which owns a chain of steak

houses in London, quadrupled

profits to £2.2 million last

year. It ruled out a dividend

because of concern about the

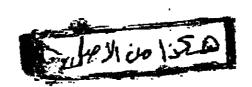
impact of the BSE crisis on cashflow. Mr Salih said, however, in his most recent trading statement that he did not believe the BSE scare would cause permanent damage to the company's business.

The action group is oppos ing the pay rise at today's annual meeting and is seeking the appointment of a third non-executive director, drawn from the minority shareholders, who control a maximum of 7 per cent of the votes.



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at a few drinks and a flutter



Anthony Holden on the one addiction that he believes he has under his control

orgive me a wry smile in the mirror as I light a cigarette, take another sip of wine, and settle down to write of the one addiction I believe I have under control.

me you behold a proto-type of the addictive personality, too far gone even to dice with denial. If a thing's worth doing, as they say in Las Vegas, it's worth overdoing. I am an unrepentant smoker, ready to pay for my pleasure with the sordid and premature death in which it will no doubt end, I am a more repentant drinker, aware of the occasionally tragic transformations to my personality, not to mention my waistline - the two complaints that really register from a worried wife whose

word is my bond. i am also a bit of a gambler. I play poker at least twice a week - on Tuesday nights with a

won is

bunch of misfits daying back 25 years, at weekends in a club so grim it can feel more like twice as self-punishment than self-gratificasweet as tion. But poker, as any serious player money will tell you, is not gambling. Gamearned' bling is a loose, and losing, style of playing poker — in

method of keeping score. Yes, poker is a game played for money, large amounts of which can change hands on the random fail of a card. If, however, you know what you are doing, you are wagering favourable odds. Regardless of the passing whims of Lady Luck, the law of averages will ensure that in the long run the

accurate player will win. In any other casino game roughe, blackjack, craps, baccarat — you are wagering unfavourable odds, loaded in favour of the house. You may have a thrilling, short-term win at the roulette table, but if you are tempted to try it every

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athletes, National Lottery halls or any other object beyond your control. If one freak, exhilarating win breeds a predictable taste for more, it will also point you towards equally predictable ruin.

None of which, of course,

stops stubborn types like me attempting to defy the odds. Our creed is that of Paul Newman's "Fast Eddie" Felson in Scorsese's The Color of Money: "Money wun is twice as sweet as money earned." But I learnt my lessons early to the point where I live by the golden rule never to risk more than I can afford to lose.

For 20 years I have disciplined my gambling via a separate bank account. That way, you can punish yourself for a careless loss by paying the inter-'Money

est un your overdraft: enjoy a handsome win by taking a vacation at someone else's expense; and treat money with the contempt deserves.

So, for all my other failings, I do not regard myself as a compulsive gambler. But I which money is merely the have known my share of those who are: my high-wire Dosto-

evskian friend, who can sweat his way through three shirts in an hour playing roulette in an air-conditioned casino; who just cannot walk away while winning; and who is not really happy, not really purged until he's lost the lot. Or the sometime world seven-cardstud champion, who has plummeted from the Fast Lane to Skid Row in a few short years. Or those poker players who cannot fold, who have to be in every hand for the remote thrill of winning, who cannot see that it is their ego running a show they

What they fail to under-The same applies to horses, stand is that victory goes not to

should long since have con-



"You may have a thrilling, short-term win at the roulette table, but if you are tempted to try it every night, you'll be a loser. The same applies to horses, athletes or National Lottery balls"

the player who wins the most pots, but to the player who wins the most money. They are in it for the action. They are losers - and most of them, in my experience, are British. How has this uptight, anal-

retentive nation produced so many born losers in pursuit of something for nothing? In those last three words, of course, lies the answer. Everyone's after the same thing.

Something for nothing, and to hell with the hindmost. Some succeed. Others, like Nick Leeson, don't. For those of us operating at more modest levels, the true essential is self-knowledge. A gambler, who can swallow his ego, control his pride, acknowledge his limitations and adjust his risks accordingly, will generally survive. Those who deceive themselves that they know better, that today is their lucky day - and, if not, there's always tomorrow - they, poor

souls, are the damned.

BULIMIA causes many strange side-effects, which nobody ever seems to men-tion: after a binge, a severe pain occurs in, of all places, the armpits. After a private Häagen-Dazs feast, for example, the fact that the stomach is stretched to bursting is logical; even that the saliva

puzzie. I had an eating disorder for five years, plenty of time to study the peculiarities of addiction in general, and this hardest-of-all-addictions to kick in particular. I was 23 when it came up to grab me, a late starter: children of seven get anorexia these days.

bruised armpits remain a

I started by starving myself. It seemed a clever method of losing weight and gaining attention. I had briefly savoured its power when, aged

I thought I was fat

14, inspired by IRA hunger-strikers, I had refused to eat for ten days as a means of persuading my parents to take me away from my miserglands are so swollen that one able boarding school. It can't turn one's neck and head worked; I was sent to a day makes a sort of sense. The school nearer home. Starving was glamorous, poetic, noble.

Nearly a decade later, unhappy again, I decided to try it once more. Unfortunately, it graduated into a bulimic addiction which was far from romantic. While bingeing undoubtedly bestowed its own sort of fleeting and perverted pleasure — secretly gorging on all those forbidden foods in sinfully huge amounts the disorder was agonising, lonely, shameful and boring, boring as hell.



Food, gluttonous food

calculations to do with fleshly forbidden pounds and calories. One's brain is forced to indulge a diseased obsession when calorie calculations take up hours, even pervading dreams. If someone had thrown a chocolate mousse in

have been able to tell its exact calorific value.

Secondly, there were the interminable battles in the head between the rational and the irrational. The rational said: "You are not completely obese; you can eat like a normal person." The irrationai – alas stronger – thought otherwise, assuming that when someone glanced at me on the bus, it was because I was so grotesquely fat that I was a fairground freak.

I suppose it was the irrational, too, that would interfere with my optician-perfect eyesight whenever I looked in the mirror. My reflection was this vast Beryl Cook figure, stomach like a mound of cold porridge, thighs and hips a grotesque distortion of jodh-

and sandbags. The truth about eating disorders is harder to gauge than with other addictions. While a troubled childhood might have a lot to do with all of them, there are added factors when it comes to food obsessions: for example, a sick fashion industry which dietates that only a uniform. obscene thinness qualifies

someone to be human. i don't believe there are cures for anorexia and bulimia. The reason I managed four years ago finally to kick it was luck more than anything - a combination of growing older and more confident, of becoming fed up with my calories-and-pounds infested mind, and stumbling across someone who thinks a really thin woman is about as sexy as a chair leg and gave every indication of sticking around.

CANDIDA CREWE

Falling in love . . . again

he American super-model Christie Brinkley has announced that she intends, once again, to marry. It will be her fourth time, and her fifth serious relationship if you count a boyfriend who died in a car crash. She heads for the altar aware that in the

past, marriage has made her deeply unhappy. Yet she is having another tilt. Why? Addiction is the diagnosis of

Dr Dennis O'Grady, a psy-chologist and author from

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Dayton, Ohio, who specialises in marriage problems and depression. You cannot get addicted to marriage per se." he says, "but you can get addicted to the feeling of being in love, to the romantic process of courtship. Some people just like to chase the love wagon."

was Jean-François Allaux, a French illustrator. Then came the singer Billy Joel, who memorably labelled her the "uptown girl" in one of his hits. In the 1980s and early 1990s, the Joels were the dream couple of Manhattan, but then it all went wrong. Brinkley rebounded with a heady, deep affair with a French racing driver and champagne heir. Olivier Chandon de Briailles, who was to die in an horrific crash. Soon after his death and within weeks of her divorce from Joel being finalised, Brinkley married Rick Taub-

Brinkley's first husband

man, a property developer.

Ricky and I want to be together all the time," she said. "We knew it was meant to be." But within eight months, just seven weeks after the birth of their son, the couple split up. Zsa Zsa Gabor, Liz Taylor,

Sir James Goldsmith - these are the names one quickly associates with multiple marriage. However, the phenomenon is not confined to the wealthy and glamorous. Only the other day an apparently ordinary patient walked in to Dr O'Grady's surgery to announce that he had decided to marry for the twelfth time. The same old arguments were presented. The new fiancee was the woman of his dreams. Yes, he was sure. Never felt surer. It was love. Heck, this was the life he had been waiting for all these years. Dr O'Grady believes that

we enter marriage these days

with our expectations unfairly

raised. "Romantic marriage is a very recent concept, dating back little more than 30 years," he says. "In the past, weddings were often arranged and husbands and wives learnt to love one another. Now we even expect men to communicate. And people are not prepared to work hard enough at their marriages."

Refreshingly for an American psychologist, Dr O'Grady further argues that modern couples talk too much and attempt too much amateur psychoanalysis of one another's shortcomings. They also pick up phrases such as "in denial" from the media and try to use them in their own



Dream chaser: Liz Taylor

contexts, he says, and often it all ends in divorce. Last month Brinkley was asked why marriage number three had failed. She replied that at the time she was proposed to by Taubman, for first, she had clearly been going through some sort of "post-traumatic stress" after a helicopter accident.

Her latest fiance is Peter Cook, a handsome architect whom she has known for about two months. The attraction was instant. "Oh yes," she has said. "I knew." For how long this time?

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The director the critics hate to love

James Woodall meets Peter Stein as he prepares to unleash his *Uncle Vanya* - in Italian - on Edinburgh

Deter Stein, the German theatre director, almost never gives interviews — not to the German press, at any rate, and to foreigners only sparingly. He has been living in Rome for the past five years, and hopes to die there. He has been in charge of the theatre at Salzburg for six years, where German critics continue to savage his work.

"Why this happens I cannot say," he says. "With The Hairy Ape [Stein's immensely suc-cessful production of O'Neill's play, performed at London's National Theatre in 1988, they said I should never be given money to do shows again."

The public, it seems, takes no notice. In Salzburg Stein has trebled theatregoing audiences. At the Edinburgh Festival, meanwhile, he has become a star fixture: Julius Caesar and Verdi's Falstaff in 1993; a Russian Oresteia in 1994; and now Chekhov's Uncle Vanya. The showcasing of Stein's brilliant and innovative productions in Scotland is due entirely to the festival director, Brian McMaster. McMaster persuaded Stein to direct operas at Welsh National Opera in the 1980s, and has brought Stein's theatre to Edinburgh for the good reason that he is one of the world's finest directors.

Uncle Vanya promises to be something special. Firstly, it is in Italian. Under the aegis of the Teatro di Roma, it was premiered in Moscow last Easter, and stars Stein's wife Maddalena Crippa as Yelena,

and one of Italy's most versa-tile actors, Roberto Herlitzka, as Vanya

"Herlitzka is highly formalistic and studies hard, almost too hard," Stein says. "He's also full of little improvisations you nearly can't see. All Italian actors have a certain kind of physical behaviour on stage which is unique."

This went down well in Moscow, to Stein's surprise, not least because he has made Vanya very funny and the lovelorn Sonya (Elisabetta Pozzi) older than usual. Years of work on Chekhov have clearly paid off, even if in Stein's opinion *Uncle Vanya* is not his best play. "I'm very clear about the hierarchy of the quality of the plays. The best of them is The Cherry Orchard. The easiest to do is Three Sisters, because it's a very good story. And I'm not very fond of The Seaguli."

Stein does nothing by halves. Work on Vanya in 1995 included the cast reading Cheknov's letters and novels and Stanislavsky on Chekhov and trips through the Russian

Jandscape as well as rehearsals in Moscow: typical Stein hard graft. For As You Like It at the Berlin's Schaubühne, he famously traipsed around Warwickshire for a few weeks with his actors.

In Vanya, Stein begins to see something he is adamant is integral to the other two Chekhov plays: the way Russians deal with time. "Western Europeans try to organise, change and manipulate everything," he says. "The great philosophers say we should not do this, they say rather that we should try to get into contact with time passing, get in harmony with things - the whole cosmic situation. This we see in Chekhov, and it's a very Russian thing."

With time come changes in weather, temperature and season, all central to the design of this Vanya. "Chekhov likes to go through different atmospheres — afa (sultriness), for example, in the first act. In the second act the storm comes. sunshine of late summer, Act IV is an autumn evening. All of this has an enormous influence on the characters."

This almost scientific athis career.

Born in Berlin in 1937, Stein followed a course in literature and fine arts for eight years, travelling around Europe. He gained no doctorate - the stamp of cultural gravitas in Germany - and knew he couldn't paint or write. When t came to theatre, he simply bought tickets for shows and watched actors closely. When he finally landed a job as assistant director in Munich in the mid-1960s, he was as steeped in music and painting

In 1970, he co-founded the Schaubühne (with Edith Clever and actor Bruno Ganz. among others) and proved that he could turn an undistinguished Berlin suburban theatre into Germany's most pioneering drama powerhouse, both as director and

Impressively ambitious, Stein feigns no modesty whatsoever. Yet about his own job. he is refreshingly frank: "As a director, you are a combiner. you can't speak, you can't sing, you can't paint, you can't make a set, but you can interfere with everything and organise. Theatre is compiled art, which is a lousy definition of directing."

• Uncle Vanya is at the King's snatching a bite before seeing Theatre (0131-225 5750) Aug 29-31 yet another ratty compendium

and everything seems re-freshed, though we see that's not the case. Act III is in bright

tention to detail is a constant in Stein's approach to mounting a play. The reading, travelling and cultural immersion that orecede each one are symptomatic of the way he has conducted

what with all those paparazzi and autograph hounds clogging the foyer and those

overdressed celebs undulating

round the stalls and delaying

the rise of the curtain; but for

many people even this might

Trevor Nunn, too, is more

likely to visit theatres as a

favoured guest than an ordi-

nary punter; but the article he

recently wrote about the decay

of the West End has clearly

touched quite a few chords.

For 99.9 per cent of people,

playgoing must often be a

chore and an irritant. As I

endlessly circle the Piccadilly

area in search of an overpriced

parking spot, then battle

through the crowds in hopes of

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t is easy for a critic to show, a paradoxical thought forget how the other 99.9 regularly strikes me: it is a per cent live. Most good thing I love the theatre or would very likely hate the people do not swan into theatres to find welcoming theatre. But I wonder how publicity officers with free many less privileged playgotickets, free programmes, and, ers are terminally put off by if the producer is feeling the problems of getting to Shaftesbury Avenue, the clutgenerous, free glasses of wine. Most people do not find themtered pavements, the expense and, this summer, the poorish selves comfortably perched on choice of shows. aisle seats six or seven rows from the stage, nor, one fears, can they be confident of watch-A few days ago I tried to put myself in the place of a ing a complete, unadulterated member of the paying public cast giving their all to the show. Of course, first nights

who fancied an evening away from the box. I fear my spirits the list of West End shows I had already reviewed. It consisted almost entirely of musicals and revivals, and not many of them struck me as warranting a first visit, let alone a second. So I spread out my London Theatre Guide, shut my eyes, and hoped my finger would land on something I had enjoyed, such as An Inspector Calis. By Jeeves

or even The Odd Couple. But, oh dear, it ended up bang on the G of Grease at the Dominion. I did not greatly relish the prospect of spending two and a half hours watching 1950s high-school kids parad ing their loudly miked amours; and yet I had to admit

it was an apt choice, for the show has survived iffy reviews to become a popular success. It has run for more than three years and, as I found when I called the theatre, it still quickly sells its better seats. While the phone disloyally played Andrew Lloyd Webber's Memory to me, the boxoffice staff discovered they could offer me nothing that night at the top price of £27.50. This is not the dearest ticket in town. A good seat at Miss Saigon, Phantom of the Op-

era or several other big, lavish musicals now costs E32.50. and even straight plays can set you back £24 or even £26. The the West End was much cheaper than Broadway are gone, especially for theatregoers unwise enough to get tickets at places other than the box office. A shop on Shaftesbury Avenue offered me a £27.50 seat for *Grease* for £34.50, or £7 more than face value, and I have no reason to suppose it was an especially good one. So I phoned in my credit , card number and bought a place way back in row Y for E22-50.

But how to get to the theatre for a 7.30pm start? This is a problem that has far more impact on theatregoing than is usually acknowledged. No sensible person would come by bus through the earlyevening rush hour, and, even when the drivers are not on strike, late-evening Tube trains home are erratic and crammed with the less lovely sort of night people. If the show is long, or you decide to cat out afterwards, the rail-All this explains why people

drive to the theatre - and why many must be loath to repeat

Finding a parking space in Westminster is hard enough. especially now the IRA has made the streets off Whitehall a no-go area. But it is the obstructionism of Camden, whose remit inexplicably extends deep into Covent' Garden, that is unforgivable.

6 It is a good thing I love the theatre, or I would very likely hate it ?

Even if you find a two-hour meter somewhere central, you cannot use it before b.30pm. for parking restrictions now extend to 8.30pm. long after every curtain in town has risen; and, just to add to the misery, double-yellow lines have replaced virtually all the single ones. Oblivious to the interests of the theatres and restaurants that keep them solvent, these north London killjoys have made it nearimpossible for ear-owners to enjoy an evening out.

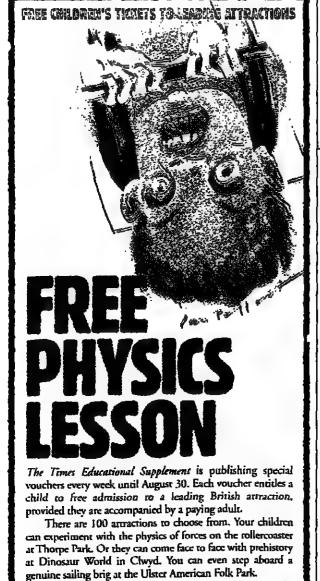
Since the Dominion is in Camden's domains, the obvious answer is a car park. But the nearest one to the theatre charges an outrageous £8.50 an evening, and more if you enter it before 6.30pm. That is more expensive than any Broadway car park I know, and explains why I ended up finding myself a street slot a quarter of a mile north and then wandered back to Soho in hopes of visiting a decent restaurant before 7pm, when I had been politely ordered to collect my ticket. But time was to cooking that, at £20 to £40 a meal, would also cost me more than its New York counterpart. So I crammed down a pie and a pint in a pub and

hurried off to the Dominion. Above the theatre frontage was an enormous quote from the Daily Mirror: "Grease is the word." Reflecting that this was about as meaningful as "Trainspotting is the participle". I was directed first to one wrong queue, then to another, before a man in a monkey suit leapt from a door marked "private" to give me my preoaid ticket. Still, the process only took a few minutes, and everyone was polite enough for me to stifle any complaints.

There were several complaints I eventually felt like making. The programme was

not worth 62 nor the minsy "souvenir brochure" £4, and Î decided not to treat myself to a Grease sweatshirt, for it cost all of £17.50. The hot, humid auditorium badly needed airconditioning. A brusque, half-comprehensible voice informed us that no fewer than four performers were missing and, presumably, being replaced by understudies. My £22.50 seat was too many rods, poles or perches from the stage for me to get a clear look at the cheerleaders' legs and their studs' faces. Luckily or unluckthe stalls har, like most theatre bars in London, was so crowded that I never got to pay £2 for a few sips of wine. £2.10 for a tiny gin, or £20 for a halfbottle of champagne.

Nevertheless, the performance was up to scratch and left my fellow spectators clapping and cheering. Maybe they had organised the evening better than me. Or maybe they had paid so much that they put more effort into enjoying it. I was fortunate to have got away with expenses of £37, plus the cost of driving w and from Fulham. If I had taken my wife and tried to make a proper night of it, I could easily have spent \$120 or £150 and still have ended up irritated and frustrated. Is it a wonder the West End is having its struggles?



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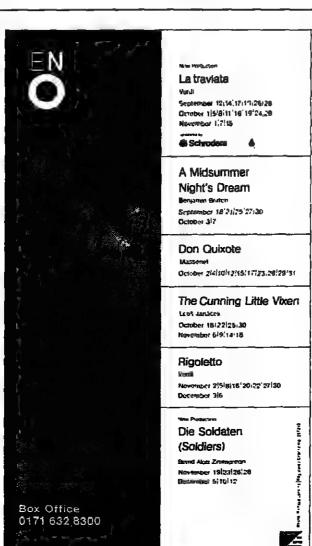
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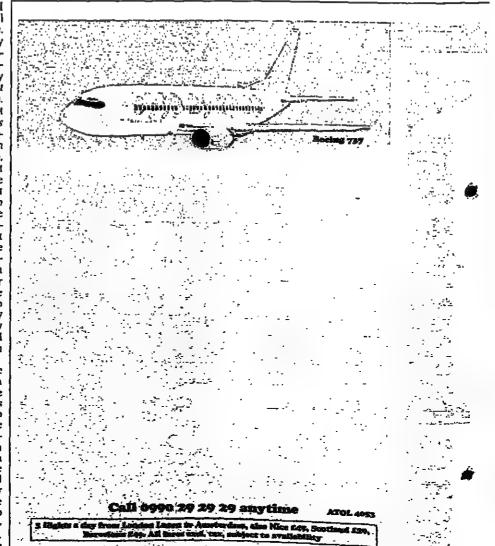
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Making a killing in the country

OPERA: Rodney Milnes enjoys the mixture of serious business and simple pleasure at the Glimmerglass festival in upstate New York

t is almost impossible to avoid the dread words "an American Glyndebourne" when writing about summer seasons of opera in sylvan American surroundings -Santa Pe, Saint Louis, Glimmerglass, perm any two from three. The 900-seat Alice Bush Theatre on Lake Otsego -James Fenimore Cooper's "Glim-merglass" — in upstate New York could hardly enjoy a more sylvan setting, and picnics are both encouraged and provided, but the real comparison lies in the quality of the performances.

The three operas I saw there last week were superbly cast, meticulously prepared and excellently conducted. The music staff, as in Sussex, are given prominence in the programme book, and they certainly deserve it. The Young American Artists Programme attached to the season, a sort of equivalent to the Glyndebourne touring operation, breeds significant mutual benefit. There may be hedonism in the air, albeit discreet, but Glimmerglass is in the business of

presenting solid, serious work. The big news this year was a revival of Jack Beeson's Lizzie Borden, first performed by New York City Opera in 1965. There is an almost definable genre of transatiantic "well-made operas" about which Europeans tend to be spindescending, and shouldn't. Lizzer Borden is a well-made opera in the sense that A Long Day's Journey Into Night is a well-made play - that is to say, very well-made indeed. The subject is of course the woman who in 1892 took an axe and gave her mother (in fact stepmother) 40 whacks, and the opera's grimly ironic subtitle is "a family portrait".

The Borden family could indeed give the House of Atreus a run for its

money: mean and bullying paterfamilias, sexually voracious stepmother, repressed daughters and their - in the circumstances - decidedly rash suitor. It is hard to tell if Lizzie is obsessed more with her dead mother, incestuously with her father, or marginally more healthily with her sister's young man; either way, it comes as no surprise when she dons her late mother's wedding dress and mounts the stairs with a purposeful tread and an axe. The subsequent love some with father before she does for him as well is exceedingly creepy.

Kenward Elmslie's libretto is larded with telling verbal leitmotifs; Beeson's score is tonal, intensely dramatic and technically surefire; his word-setting is fluent and shapely, and the words are consistently audible. The piece lasts well under two hours, and every minute grips. Stewart Robertson's conducting, Rhoda Levine's production, and the decor by John Conklin (set) and Constance Hoffman (cos-

turnes) were simply faultless.

The mezzo Phyllis Pancella suggested the layers of Lizzle's psyche with the simplest, most telling of means, and traded blow for blow with Sheri Greenawald's outsize stepmother in their Elektra-Clytemnestra-style confrontation. The Young Artist Margaret Lloyd created a deep impression as the sister, making every single word tell over silvery soprano tone. Kelly Anderson (father), Erin Caves (suitor) and Victor Barret (the local Reverend) gave sterling support.

Cavalli's Calisto could scarcely have afforded greater contrast. It was performed in a new edition by Jane Glover, who also conducted: the Baroque band was authentically tiny, the pacing authentically fluid. This, you felt, was what audiences heard at



Making it look - and sound - easy: Sondra Radvanovsky (Arminda) and William Burden (Belfiore) impress in Mozart's La finta giardiniera

Venice's Teatro S. Apollinare in 1651, but the piece spoke very directly to an audience of today. Simon Callow's production mercifully underplayed the outrageous same-sex dalliances as Jove woos the nymph Calisto in the guise of the chaste Diana, and allowed darker undertones to emerge; Juno, having turned her rival into a bear, has a long aria about the misery of wives with philandering husbands and, as sung by Christine Goerke, it caused noticeable shufflings in the stalls.

Again, the quality of the musical preparation made Cavalli's roulades and flourishes sound easy and natural: Lisa Saffer (Calisto), Bernard Deletre (the suave Jove), Christine Abraham (the fairly chaste Diana) and Drew Minter (Endymion, object of her interest) sang beautifully. The show was near-stolen by the veteran Elaine

Bonazzi as the crotchety nymph Linfea: she was hilarious without ever quite going over the top, and oddly touching. I'm not sure that Mark Lamos's production of La finta giardiniera,

elegantly designed by Michael Yeargan, caught quite the right tone for this tricky piece - the baby Mozart who kept popping in aroused fiercely Herodian reactions in this stony breast - but under Robertson's baton it was a musical feast. Juliana Rambaldi (Sandrina) and William Burden (Belflore) made their roles sound easy - they aren't, to put it mildly. Sondra Radvanovsky tore into the haughty Arminda with a will and Marguerite Krull's creamy, crisply defined mezzo was perfect for Ramiro. The overall vocal standard spoke clearly of weeks of painstaking preparation: Glimmerglass is fun.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

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THE Russian National Orchestra's Proms debut last week has been a semi-hightwo programmes confirming more the band's reputation for refined, precisely articulated

playing than its place at the top of the Russian orchestral league. Even though I must admit to a hankering for the characterful, rough-edged tone more typical of Russian orchestras, these were impressive performances from players on a gruelling tour that has taken Finland, the Far East, Atlanta, and will continue to Edinburgh this week.

Each programme featured a great Russian postwar symphony. Shostakovich's Tenth and Prokofiev's Seventh, and both works found Mikhail Pletney at his most illuminat-

Illuminated ambiguity PROMS

lined their ambiguity - both were written within a few years of Stalin's notorious decree aimed at their composers and are puzzling in very different ways. Prokofiev's last symphony (1951-52) is out-wardly simple but deeply enigmatic, and in the concert waltz of the second movement Pietney and his players conjured up the swirling magnificence with a touch of irony.

Shostakovich's symphony, written probably at the same time but released only after Stalin's death in 1953, is a darker work, and Pletnev played up the uncertainty that pervades the music. At the

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opening he drew dark, sonorous playing from the strings and doom-laden sounds from the brass. The Stalinesmue hardness of the first movement gave way to a scherzo of terrifying force, and a sinister, mocking Allegretto - an account that made the high spirits of the finale seem all the more hollow.

realm was visited in the opening of Thursday's concert: three folk tale inspired tone poems by Lyadov, the composer best remembered for not having completed Diaghilev's Firebird commission. Baba-Yaga, in spite of one passage that appears to have been lifted from the Ride of the Valkyries, evokes the witch of Russian folklore in kaleidoscopic music: Kikimora is another study in grotesquerie, and both works were given disciplined performances full of vivid colour. By contrast, The Enchanted Lake paints a sensuous scene, and was played with subtle delicacy.

thing of a contemporary classic. The soloist was again the work's dedicates. Yuri Bashmet, who brought his trademark voluptuous tone to the proceedings; Pletnev gave a clear, coherent account of the score. He is a fine conductor. but not at the exalted level of his piano playing, and he can be emotionally cool: Haydn's Military Symphony lacked exciting dramatic contrasts, and in the Mozart Clarinet Concerto orchestral playing was overshadowed by Michael Collins's liquid tone and easy virtuosity.

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Incidents and accidents make the news, but we will never be prepared for them if we don't look beyond

ince what follows is not about abortion, why have I contrived to get the word into my first sentence? Because for columnists, there is a presumption that the selection of topics for discussion should, where possible, be driven by events. No jour-nalist can ignore it. I

Two Mondays ago, few of us had heard of selective foetal abortion, and many had never heard of Queen Charlotte's Hospital. If a Times columnist had devoted an essay to the pros and cons of aborting one out of two twins on the ground that a hypothetical preg-nant woman felt she could cope only with one baby, his Editor would have politely wondered why on earth he had chosen to write such a piece. So would many of his readers. If the columnist had replied that the conjectured dilemma might have occurred already without being reported, could easily occur in the future, and sooner or later probably would, his Editor might

politely have suggested that

ne wait until it did.

if, last Monday, following revelations about iust such a case in Are we now the Sunday Express, a Times columnist had unable to dreamt up - again, just for the engage in debate sake of argument without - a different case in which a mothparticular er expecting oc-tuplets faced the cases to get choice whether to us going? sacrifice six of them for the

health of the remaining two, his Editor might have raised an eyebrow as the columnist protested that, even though this had not happened, it might. But the Editor would have accepted that at least his columnist was in the right ball-park, if playing a fanciful game.

Today, after news of just such a case in the weekend's papers, those Fleet Street columnists who are not writing about the arrival of aliens from Mars are asking themselves whether there can now be any justification for writing about any subject but abortion, twins and octuplets.

It is therefore disingenuous of the "pro-choice" brigade (to which, with troubled heart, I belong) to accuse the "pro-life" brigade of "latching on to" or "exploiting" personal agonies to advance their own causes. For this is the only way one can interest the media in any argument these days. "Pro-lifers" are always trying to raise issues like these, but while the debate relates to hypotheticals, British journalism is simply not interested. So you can hardly blame the protagonists for seizing the only opportunities our news-led media offer. They know that within weeks the short season of interest in their argument will be over. and they will have to revert to leafleting delegates at party conferences and mailing unsolicited pamphlets - until the next "real life" example occurs.

Are we too stupid, as a nation, to conceptualise any longer? Has the fast-moving succession of pictures of tangibles, with which TV channels compete to hold our attention, dulled our capacity or removed our imaginative need for specularive reasoning?

Is this now a country in which rail safety cannot be discussed until a train has crashed, in which abortion is boring until a real human drama grips our emotions, and in which the howling irresolvables at the centre of the Labour Party's beliefs go unacknowledged until a woman of only average intelligence but media record what has for years been plain to the meanest intellect in the land?

Is it only — or even? — at Oxbridge philosophy tutorials that students are asked, any more, to begin with the argument using practical examples only as an aid to understanding? Am I nalve to imagine there might be a lew people left in Britain to

whom it would not be necessary to ex-plain why it is completely immaterial to an argument whether the cases discussed have or have not actually occurred, so long as they very well might have?

I fear the worst.

If so, the Sunday,

Express would

have been absolutely right to run the story as current even if they had known that it was weeks out of date. Why not take this editorial practice to its logical conclusion? Instead of waiting upon the vagaries of circumstance to provide the pegs on which to hang necessary arguments, the press could keep extensive archives of unused tales, some of them decades old. Depending on need, editorial whim or a summer newsfamine, these tales could then be exhumed and paraded, posing as modern instances, to catch the public imagination in due

r why not just make them up? Television soap operas already accept a responsibility to "set the agenda". Scriptwriters trigger public debate on an important issue by introducing a heart-wrenching fictional dilemma into their storylines. So how about an emergency debate (when MPs return) on the issues aired by the failed lesbian marriage of Zoe Tate and Emma Nightingale in Emmerdale? Is raven-haired fitness-instructor Linda, 31. right to console Zoc in the way she has, given her complicity in the break-up? Has she broken any moral or social obligation by her recent pass at that other blonde?

And why don't we have a leading article on that, eh. Mr Editor of The Times?

Bob Dole's running-mate will revive Reagan Republicanism, giving the party back its tax-cutting appeal

The decision to put Jack Kemp on the Republican ticket is far the best thing that has happened to that campaign so far. He is a genuinely interesting American politician, a man of the people who is also a man of ideas. I watched his brief acceptance speech live on CNN. He made two important points. The first was his identification of the Republican Party with two popular Presidents, Lincoln and Reagan; he referred to Reagan twice. He is already campaigning as a Reagan Republican. That is as significant as it would be if a successor to John Major announced that he was campaigning as a Thatcher Conservative. Kemp has repudiated, by implication, the consensus Republi-

canism of George Bush. The second important statement was that he regards Bob Dole's promise to cut taxes as only the first instalment of a bigger and longer-term policy. Jack Kemp supported Steve Forbes and the flat-tax proposal in the primaries. He is a committed supply-sider, a believer in cutting taxes and in reducing the size of government. With Dole, this has been a conversion, forced on him by the mood of the Republican Party and by the failure of the earlier stages of his campaign. With Kemp it is a settled conviction, held for many years. He was ideologically a Reagan Republican when Nixon was still in the White House.

I first met Jack Kemp in the mid 1970s, at a meeting of the Council for Monetary Reform and Education in New York State. He was then still very famous as a recently retired American footballer. Like Ronald Reagan, he came from a world of sport and entertainment which had a strong appeal for industrial America. He had been born in California, but his constituency in the House of Representatives was Buffalo, the

Why Kemp could be just the ticket

repeatedly carried Buffalo, with his percentage of the vote going into the

At the CMRE meetings we were discussing the world inflation of the 1970s. I was sympathetic to a restora-tion of the gold-standard system; President Nixon had only terminated American gold convertibility in 1971. That had opened the floodgates of the great inflation, or so it seemed to us. Jack Kemp was equally sympathetic to gold — indeed he once read a pro-gold article that I had written for The Times into the Congressional Record. What struck me at the time was his conviction that the Republicans could sell a new economic policy to the American people only if it was going to make them better off in terms of jobs, taxes and their own real incomes. He was both a monetarist and an expansionist. Jack Kemp's personal experience is

rooted in Buffalo, in his work as the congressman for a city suffering the problems of advanced industrial decline. In the 1970s he was already arguing that solutions must be found for these old industrial areas subject to new competition. His objective was to reach a dynamic balance with a high rate of job creation, rather than a static one which accepted the status quo of big government. When last Saturday he attacked President Clinton's status quo policies, he was not just picking up a convenient argument, he was repeating what, I heard

rejected status quo policies of the Left

During the Republican primaries, these supply-side. Reaganite, flat-tax policies were advocated by Steve Forbes, the millionaire publisher. who did surprisingly well considering he had never run for any public office before. Kemp supported Forbes, even though Dole was winning, Indeed, when Forbes told him that he had \$20 million of his that he had \$20 million of his own

money to spend on the race, Kemp said to him, "Why don't you give me the \$20 million and let me run for president?" The reason Bob Dole has had to put Kemp on the ticket, after 20 years of disagreement on political and economic policy, is that he has been forced to accept low-tax policies. Kemp is the only Republican with a record which can authenticate this Dole conversion.

If you could run Reaganism against Clintonism head-to-head, I do not doubt that Reaganism would win. Unfortunately, it is not as easy as that. Bill Clinton is the incumbent

him say more than 20 years ago. As a radical supply-sider, he has always American boom. Jack Kemp, who is a true Reagan Republican, is only the vice presidential candidate, while Bob Dole, who is by nature a Nixon Republican, is head of the ticker. Bill Clinton has a current lead of about 20 per cent in the polls, a very big for this stage of the campaign. The Democrats will exploit the record of the past differences between Dole and Kemp. It is not inconceivable that Dole and Kemp will win the

presidential race, but it is not very

evertheless, the advantages for the Republicans of nominating Kemp will be substantial. He has agreed to join the ticket because Dole has agreed to fight on a tax-cutting platform, which Kemp will articulate in all of his speeches. That campaign has already begun. This means that for the first time since 1988, the Republicans are a Reaganite rather than a consensus party. That goes a long way to making Ross Perot irrelevant: he had his political hour as a protest against the soft consensus policies of George Bush. Any Reagan voter who casts a ballot for Perot when Jack Kemp is on the Republican ticket will be making a

Ronald Reagan won elections partly because he was able to mobilise the hard-hat Republican vote: he had the same appeal to working-class conservatives as Margaret Thatcher had in Britain. In the Republican primaries, some of this support went m Pat Buchanan, who is a skilful conservative populist, and some to Steve Forbes as the low-tax advocate. Jack Kemp will remobilise much of this support. In thinking about his appeal, one has to remember football as well as Buffalo. He is like a Conservative candidate in Britain who has both played for Newcastle United and won a 3-1 majority in a Newcastle seat. This matters far more to the public than his ability as a young ex-footballer to take on Professor Kaldor in a monetary debate and reach an honourable

I suspect his immediate political impact will help Dole, but enough, and will help Republican candidates for the House and Senate. The Republicans will win back the reputation that George Bush threw away as the reliable low-tax party. Jack Kemp gives the Republicans a dominant theme for the future. After President Reagan retired there was inevitably a move away from Reaganism, just as John Major has moved away from Thatcherism. That period in America is now over, and Reaganism is back in control - Bob Dole has found out the hard way that he did not have a chance without it.

The essence of Reaganism is smaller government, lower taxes, more obs. local populism rather than Washington elitism, and patriotism, the feeling for America. The essence of Thatcherism is very similar. The experience of American politics is that this is a winning combination. and that consensus conservatism is not. It may well be too late to win back the presidency in 1996. The decision to put Jack Kemp on the ticket improves the Republicans' chances of holding their majority in Congress in 1996 and of winning the presidency in 2000.

Whichever way you slice it

Tax-cutters

should not forget voters' appetite

for welfare, says

Peter Riddell

did last week with his \$548 billion cuts package — I become suspicious. It sounds too good to be true, and usually is. Either the economic assumptions are far too optimistic or the cuts in spending are vague - or both, as in the Dole plan. Just as politicians of the Left pretend that existing public services can for ever be improved without raising the tax burden, so those of the Right often claim that taxes can be cut substantially without any impact on core public programmes. Both views are in the long term unsustainable.

For the 30 years after 1945, voters in most countries were willing to accept a rising tax burden to pay for expanding public services, whether roads, higher education or social benefits. That changed after the inflationary explosion of the mid 1970s when the Labour Government, like those overseas, sought to check the growth in spending. Well before the Thatcher revolution, Denis Healey recognised the resistance among working families, and Labour supporters, to paying more in taxes. Ironically, it was Tony Crosland, the leading ideologist of social democracy, who signalled the shift in spending trends, with his remark in 1975 to local councils that "the party

is over". The Tories have often been criticised for failing to cut back spending. But, apart from the relaxation of the early 1990s, they have achieved a lot. The share of spending in national income fell from a peak of more than 47 per cent in the mid 1970s, and just over 45 per cent in the recession of the early 1980s, to a low of 38 per cent in



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share of spending much below 40 per cent. By implication, the tax burden could fall only a little. Even that goal has required continuing squeezes on pay and other running costs, and cuts in capital investment, producing complaints about lower standards of public services and inadequate spending on infrastructure.

So frightened is the Blairite "new" Labour Party of any hint of higher taxes that it has tried to wish the problem away. It has pretended that apart from a few flagship pledges financed in a gimmicky and one off fashion, merely ruling out new spending commitments will make demands for better services disappear. Many on the Right behave as if tax cuts could somehow be financed from

waste in Whitehall and social security fraud without challenging core commitments. There is always some scope at the margin, but such savings cannot begin to finance a big reduc-

tion in the tax burden. The only solution consistent with holding down taxes, let alone cutting them substantially, is to accept that the supply of services does not have to be limited to what the taxpayer will finance. As Lord Skidelsky has argued, and as the Social Market Foundation has shown in several studies, there is no reason why demand should be suppressed by the imposition of a public finance limit on supply. A shift in the balance of public versus private financing has occurred in pensions and is increasingly accepted in higher education. An expansion of private insurance and vouchers (implicit in Labour's

fifetime learning plans) looks certain whoever wins the election.

As it is, most politicians avoid these questions. The Dole plan is worse than most, as its author would have been the first to argue during his days in the Senate. He has exempted politically sensitive areas of defence, social security (that is, pensions) and most Medicare health provision for the elderly. This leaves huge, unspecified cuts in other domestic programmes, which account for only a third of total spending. Much has been made of President Clinton's decision to sign the Republican Bill cutting benefits to poor families with children, but that does not touch the big pension and health programmes.

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oreover, in a nod towards supply-siders, including Jack Kemp. his vice-presidential choice, Mr Dole assumes that more than a quarter of the cost of tax cuts will be recouped by higher tax revenues generated by faster growth. But the Reagan years showed that across-the-board tax cuts without comparable spending reductions merely push up the budget deficit and interest rates. Reducing high marginal tax rates and freeing markets should stimulate investment and job creation in the long term, but it is foolish to assume any short-term boost to tax revenues. The Federal Reserve's balanced monetary poli-cies, rather than sweeping tax cuts, have been the key to the strength of the American economy.

The Tory Right has so far avoided these errors, but like Mr Dole it has been reluctant to address the unresolved dilemma left over from the Reagan and Thatcher years: voters do not want to pay higher taxes, but they remain attached to a wide-ranging welfare state. As the leaked Treasury planning paper suggested, a "Contract with Britain", aiming for a smaller State, "would probably meet even greater resistance" here than in America. There only limited parts of the Contract with America have been enacted, because of public opposition to rolling back government. But without radical reform of the financing of the main social programmes. big tax cuts are un illusion.

Brit flop

BRITISH pop stars are being lined up to rescue President Clinton's come by. Among those said to be unavailable are the Paul McCartneys (talk of an illness), the Warren Beattys (pregnancy), Tina Turner (in France) and Jack Nicklaus (on the lavish efforts the White House the lavish efforts the White House is making to gather together Holly-wood's beautiful people in tribute to the President in this election

Attached was a B-list of celebrites to be used in desperation at the party to be staged at Radio City Music Hall in New York. According to the New York Post, these included our very own Elton John and Rod Stewart, as well as the Irish band the Chieftains. To compound the insult, the Alist is said to include Kenny Rogers, Cher, Carly Simon, Roberta Flack and the reedy-voiced Phil

Hillary Clinton is in charge of the organisation of what was supposed to be the splashiest presidential birthday party since 1962, when Marilyn Monroe sang a smoky Happy Birthday to John F. Kennedy, who was rumoured to

So far. however, the party planners have found celebrities hard to the golf course). Understandably enough, the White House memorandum on which the New York Post based its story was said to have been marked This needs SERIOUS attention".



chance of a medal John Rigby, a vet from Walton on the Naze. suggests the great British pastime of tiddly-winks, with a golden tiddle (or wink) going to the winner. "But surely the sport most deserving of Olympic recognition, he adds, "is charades."

Man talk

FEMALE penetration of the government whips' office - by Jacqui Lait, the MP for Hastings and Rye - has not yet brought a change of habits among the otherwise all-male crew there. When she was appointed in last month's reshuffle, she became the first woman ever to serve in this robustly male bastion

In trying to show his approval of Mrs Lait, Alastair Goodlad, the jovial chief whip, has been heard to struggle before resorting to traditionally the highest form of whips' praise: Lait, he nods, is most definitely "a good man".

Note to Trevor Nunn, soon to take over at the National Theatre: there is a lean, hungry look about the spear-carriers currently working at the National. Now it is clear



rising to 43 per cent during the

downturn of the early 1990s. The

Thatcher Governments cut subsidies for nationalised industries and public

housebuilding, and in the 1990s there have been efficiency gains from contracting out and changes in the

structure of the health service, plus

cuts in the defence budget after the

end of the Cold War. Successive

attempts to trim social security have

Nonetheless, public spending has

grown steadily in real terms, because

the public overwhelmingly still wants schools and a health service that are

free at the point of use, and extensive

social benefits. Kenneth Clarke is one

of the few politicians publicly to

admit that if the present structure of

the welfare state is maintained, as he

wishes, it will be hard to reduce the

produced large cumulative savings.

why: the backstage grub is lousy. To paraphrase Napoleon, a theatrical troupe plays on its stomach, so a petition is being kept at the stage door complaining about the quali-ty of food. "Bland, tasteless and too expensive," is the tough verdict.

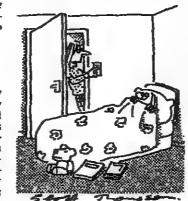
Irish joke

GALLOWS HUMOUR is firmly back in favour among the security forces in Northern Ireland. Amid the stand-off between nationalists and loyalist marchers in Londonderry last week, a poster went up in the RUC headquarters in East Bel-last advertising "Drumcree Holidays 97". It promised special four to five-day breaks and new thrills including a ride on the Big Orange Dipper and "inflatable dolls -Paisley 17. Trimble 15". Paisley is more expensive, explains the poster, because he is bigger and holds more hot air.

A "vintage car rally - all newly burned-out cars" is also advertised in the spoof, alongside a plug for "The Sky at Night" - when the Portadown evening is lit up with spontaneous bonfires

Pax humana

EVEN Jeremy Paxman, the putative cat-strangler of Shepherds Bush, is being ground down by the



Now go to sleep or Tony Blair will come and get you

vile London Underground drivers' strikes. A keen cyclist, Paxman was sighted on the day of the last strike gasping his way past the Victoria and Albert Museum, his face like that of a Tour de France cyclist straining for the top of Alpe d'Hucz

"I saw this figure approach-ing very slowly through Knights-bridge," says my wimess. "He kept taking his fect off the pedals and didn't seem to be a man in control of his machine. He looked pained. fed-up and exhausted." Rather like one of his Newsnight victims?

Kidd stuff

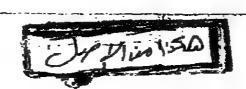
TIRED of the endless talk about her waistline. Jodie Kidd has put her modelling career on ice and retreated to the countryside to mix dance records. Last year, Miss Kidd, a great-grandaughter of the newspaper baron Lord Beaverbrook, caused much chest-beating among fashion editors as her nearskeletal features swayed down the catwalks. "Have we brought models to this?" they wailed.

Bored with the gaunt taunts and the forkfuls of food being pushed her way, Miss Kidd retired to hideaways at her father's Caribbean estate and in the English countryside. She is learning all about



Kidd: model pupil

turntables and beats per sinute from her hoyfriend, Joel "Dauble" China, 23, who is not the sort to night from the Their flinch from a plate of chips. Their first release, a trance-dance number, is expected by the end of this



TAX AND TRUST

Dole must use the convention to define himself

With the opening of the Republican National Convention in San Diego, a long wait finally ends for Bob Dole. Twenty years have passed since he was nominated as Vice-President. Sixteen years have gone since he first sought the presidency. It has been an ponisingly slow process in another sense. Five months have elapsed since Mr Dole became the de facto candidate. He has lived on a shoestring budget since then and found it difficult to engage the attention of voters. That goes at least a part of the way to explaining why he enters this convention so far behind in the polls.

This week represents Mr Dole's great opportunity. For a man who has been a prominent figure in Washington for two decades he still has a fuzzy image with the American public. His legislative achievement as Leader of the Senate is a list of deals made and compromises brokered to pass the bills of others. His character is a mixture of abrasiveness and modesty, both of which he exhibits to excess. Mr Dole needs to use this convention to define himself and stress three aspects of leadership that can differentiate his from President Clinton: purpose, consistency and dignity.

For most of this year, Mr Dole has not offered a stirring message. Like George Bush before him, he has given the impression of wanting the White House more for being there than for doing something. This is neither inspiring nor sufficient. The most striking presidents of the postwar era - John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan were closely associated with vivid ideals. Bill Clinton is an able salesman of himself but his early vision has been clouded by

strategic defeats and tactical manoeuvrings in the past seven days there has been one major advance by Mr Dole. A campaign based on character has found a centrepiece in a bold economic plan, albeit of the kind that he has frequently fought against in the past. This new commitment to cut taxes has been reinforced by the imaginative selection of Jack Kemp as running-male. Having discovered his mission, Mr Dole will have to repeat it ceaselessly and resist all temptation to stray from it.

His second front should be consistency. The Clinton Administration, both at home and in foreign affairs, has often appeared chaotic and crisis-driven, with little common thread other than an excessive respect for opinion pollsters. It is a telling truth that the political recovery of Mr Clinton has come only since the smashing defeat of his own Democratic Party in 1994. This gave the President a less active role in domestic maners, allowing him the freedom to engage in the symbolic functions of his post. He has done this effectively. Mr Dole must use his experience to claim that he can produce a more professional all-round performance.

The final dimension is the dignity of the presidential office itself. It was perhaps inevitable that with the Cold War closing. the Commander-in-Chief would play a less prominent political role. It may even he in the better interest of American democracy. That shift has, however, been exaggerated by the Clinton tenure's multiple strands of scandal. Americans should be made to ask what the price of four more years would be. Mr Dole is entitled to assert that he has the qualities needed to restore the necessary decorum to the most important executive position in the world.

There is thus a powerful argument for the Dole-Kemp ticket. There is a rather better case than has been presented to the American electorate so far. A successful convention can do much to move this contest towards terrain favourable for Republicans. Mr Dole's acceptance speech can lay out the differences between himself and the President in policy and personal terms. The twin themes of tax and trust are compelling. Mr Dole has a moving story to tell and a fine career to highlight. He has to do that throughout the convention this week. He will not have a better chance.

TO PLAY THE MAN

The Conservatives' campaign is daring but not discreditable

The latest Tory attack on Labour reveals more about the Government than it does about the Opposition. In choosing to aim at Tony Blair personally the Conservatives have directed their fire at what has been, so far, Labour's greatest asset — its leader. The decision to attack Mr Blair, months before the expected election date, shows no small daring on the part of Tory strategists.

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Some Tories will feel that Central Office should have kept its powder dry. Others will regret that it used a blunderbuss. But if party strategists can succeed, however crudely, in crystallising voters' concerns about Mr Blair now, the Tories' task will be easier as polling day approaches.

Some at Westminster will affect to be offended by a strategy so negative and so personal, arguing that the public will react with distaste. But negative campaigning need be no more than critical scrutiny of the pretensions to govern of the opponent. The. Conservatives were attacked for the crudity of 'mir "tax bombshell" and "double whammy" advertisements during the last general election campaign: but the dinnerparty deprecators, alone with their fears in the voting booth, voted Tory nonetheless.

The Tory attack is personal: but all parties have made their pitches to the public more presidential and their leaders fairer game. Labour has benefited greatly over the last two years from the enthusiasm engendered by Mr Blair's election. However, the last two months have seen a shift in public attitudes. Although Mr Blair's party is still well ahead in the polls his own ratings have slipped.

There is evidence, gathered for James Capel by Opinion Research Business, that

former Tories have new doubts about new Labour. The ruthlessness with which Mr Blair demoted Clare Short made some voters uneasy. The platitudinous nature of new Labour's rhetoric, although clumsily parodied by the Tories, had already begun to grate. The softening of Labour's policy positions, on issues from devolution to the social chapter, had created an impression of glib untrustworthiness.

The Conservatives clearly hope to give shape to these emerging doubts by defining Mr Blair as arrogant and unprincipled. They aspire to transform him from electoral asset to albatross. Tory strategists believe that Mr Blair's determination to win could be presented as a will to power at any price. much in the way that Neil Kinnock's strengths of passion and platform eloquence became seen as damaging "windbaggery".

It is an audacious strategy, and it has clear dangers. Ruthlessness is what many voters want. The perception that dissent from the Left will be crushed is precisely the guarantee many disaffected Tories require. A willingness to marginalise extremists and tailor policy to Middle England's prejudices may only endear Mr Blair more to voters ill at ease with John Major's leadership style.

Ultimately, there is no easy way attractively to package the damaged goods that make up this Government. A willingness to tackle Mr Blair head-on at least demonstrates a renewed spirit. What will be required before that spirit can be translated into votes is a convincing analysis from the Conservatives of all the dangers that new Labour might pose and inspiring answers to the challenges a new millennium will bring.

FEATHERED ENEMIES

The RSPB should reconsider its position on predators

As the guns blaze out their annual paean to the Glorious Twelfth today, a dispute has broken out on the fringes of the grouse mod that is every bit as fiery and cacophonous. A five-year experiment conducted on a Scottish moor by the Duke of Buccleuch, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, has produced awkward findings for many conservationists. It found that a ban on the shooting of birds of prey allowed their numbers so to increase that they not only decimated thriving colonies of game birds, but also led to catastrophic falls

in other protected species. The experiment at Langholm was the culmination of a movement among birdlovers and conservationists to stop gamekeepers culling predators such as peregrine falcons, hen harriers and sparrow hawks. These beautiful birds, whose historic associations, elegance in flight and fierce magnificence have entranced generations of Britons, were in sharp decline. In recent years, however, a concerted attempt has been made to boost their numbers, protect their habitat and foster their breeding habits. The experiment, on 25,000 acres of moorland, was intended to show that, unmolested by

man, birdlife will find a natural balance. The results are a terrible disappointment for the predator-protectors. Rare heathland birds such as golden plover and curlew were hunted almost to extinction by their feathered enemies. Grouse numbers on what was once one of Scotland's finest whether its absolutist stand is still tenable.

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estates have fallen so steeply that they may never recover. The local economy is threatened. The Duke of Buccleuch - whose forbearance made the experiment possible - may now feel justified in calling for an immediate curb on the predators, and the RSPB will find powerful arguments opposing its long-held call for man to allow nature to take its course.

Several conclusions seem inevitable. The first is that in an island so crowded where natural conditions have for centuries been distorted by man, it is unrealistic now to adopt a hands-off approach to all species. Where predators are reintroduced, even the sea eagles of western Scotland, they may only be able to be brought back in limited numbers if they are not to upset the balance

enjoyed by man. The second conclusion is that anything that reduces game stock so drastically is bound to run into the opposition of landowners and field sportsmen. Thirdly, conservationists should recognise that birds of prey are probably more able to survive in today's environment than their prey. Peregrines have been found nesting in city centres, and hawks can forage for carrion on motorways. It is the weaker birds that deserve protection, including game birds such as the grey partridge whose numbers are falling despite the fine efforts of the Game Conservancy Trust. The RSPB should look at the Langholm findings and ask

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Deeper concerns in Tube dispute

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers

Sir, Contrary to the opinion outlined in your leading article on the Underground dispute ("Down the Tube", August 7) the dispute is not about the right of management to manage, far less the organisation of holiday ros-

The dispute arose because of the failure of management to deliver on an agreement it reached last year with the unions on reduced working time. Management's right to manage does not give them the right to tear up agreements negotiated in good faith.

It is ironic that you should point to the improvement in the performance of London Underground as a reason why "inday's strikers should not prevail". Operating profits per member of staff rose from £7,645 in 1944-45 to £12.246 in 1905-96. Unit costs per train mile fell by 7 per cent over the same period while overall productivity rose by S.o per cent. These improvements were achieved by Underground workers, including the drivers you now seek to pillury.

Yet there is a price to pay for this. Your leading article talks about management's freedom to initiate and innovate. These initiatives include asking drivers to ignore safety guidelines to meet timetable targets and forcing sick staff back to work under the pain of discipline.

There is now a real and growing problem with stress among Underground workers. This is acknowledged by the company. Last year, as part of a programme to tackle the problem the unions called for a reduction in working time to be achieved over a period of years and we agreed a weekreduction of one hour in 1996 to benefit train staff".

The company reneged on the deal. Yet at the same time, the executive directors felt able to justify paying themselves massive bonuses because of the improvements made by staff. The unions do not object to these payments in principle, but simply ask for equality of treatment.

After a week spent at Acas where the only initiatives came from the unions - including an unprecedented offer to accept wage increases below the rate of inflation for three years to help pay for reduced working time — we are drawn to the conclusion that London Underground is happy to put passengers through another month of misery. Whether this was for political or other reasons remains unclear to

It is a peculiarly one-eyed view to suggest that management alone are responsible for improvements in performance. We can still negotiate our way out of the difficulty but London Underground Limited has to show a willingness to do so - something that has been absent until now.

Yours sincerely JAMES KNAPP. General Secretary Nationial Union of Rail. Marinme and Transport Workers, Unity House, Euston Road, NWI.

Postal strike

From Mr Robin Rhoderick-Jones

Sir. Today I have no post. Tomorrow. no doubt, I shall have the usual small pile of personal letters, ominous brown bills and marketing trash in roughly equal quantities delivered -despite the fact that I live miles from anywhere - by the ever-cheerful Roger in his little red van at about 6.30am. Under normal circumstances this happens six days a week; some ad-dresses have two deliveries a day.

This is an admirable service and one that, in my experience, is surpass ed by no other postal authority in the world: but it is expensive. Do we really need a delivery every day; does anyone actually depend on a second delivery?

The postal strike, if it does nothing else, seems to me to point up the absurdity of a luxury that we could well do without.

Why not move to a system of no deliveries and minimal collection on Saturdays as well as Sundays? This would save a great deal of money and also remove at least some of the postal workers' grievances. Urgent communications between businesses could still be transacted by e-mail. fax or the telephone. The rest could surely

Yours by fax. ROBIN RHODERICK-JONES. Middle St Andrew's Wood. Dulford, Cullompton, Devon. August 6.

Wildlife, WI

From Mr Thomas Cave

Sir. The Eo game licence I purchased yesterday from the post office in Albemarie Street, WI, has a serial number three higher than that I bought from

there almost exactly a year ago.

Surely more than two other denizens of the St James's/Piccadilly areas have shot game in the last 12 months?

Yours faithfully. THOMAS CAVE, Berry Bros and Rudd, 3 St James's Street, SWI. August S.

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Serious issues and 'tabloid' TV

From Mrs Pauline Simpson

Sir, We were interested to read your reports (August 6 and 7) of Dr Stuttaford's unhappy experiences on Esther Rantzen's BBC programme on ME Jletters, August 10]. A Scope director recently had a similar impression of heing "thrown to the lions" when he was filmed for a future Rantzen Report, this one on the use of advocates for vulnerable people,

We were asked to take part because of the widely reported mistreatment by a care worker of children at one of our schools and of the ensuing inquiry. You do not, nor should you expeet, to get an easy interview on a subjeet like that. However, we agreed to take part in the programme, partly because we feel we have a dury to explain when things go wrong, and partly because we feel that the issue of advocates and protection of vulnerable people is important.

Unfortunately, as with the ME programme, our director's attempts at serious debate were lost in the Punch and Judy show atmosphere in the studio, with an audience apparently geared up to boo and hiss at the baddy. It is not yet clear whether the "goodies" fared much better. People who took part in the programme were obviously distressed: their very real emotions, it seemed, were to be dished up for the delectation of the audience.

Of course, Scope land, I'm sure, Dr Stuttaford, tooj can survive a bit of heckling, but is this really any way to deal with serious issues? This is zoo TV, tabloid TV at its worst, and the critics are right to condemn it.

Yours faithfully PAULINE SIMPSON (Director of Marketing), Scope (formerly The Spastics Society). 12 Park Crescent, WL August 7.

Recruitment has been largely delegat-

ed to departments themselves, includ-

ing recruitment of the middling grade

of Executive Officer, which has been

the starting point of many senior car-

eers. This took so much business

away that the boards of independent

The Civil Service Commission was

reduced to a very small unit concern-

ed with the generalities of "good prac-

tice" and recruiting was hived off to an

agency with the commercial outlook

evitable next step. Who now will see that we get the civil servants we think

Privatisation of the agency is the in-

people were disbanded.

that this implies.

we deserve?

August 8.

Yours faithfully,

JOAN BRIDGMAN,

Slipping of Civil Service standards

From Dr J. H. Bridgman

Sir. The letter from Lord Taylor of Gryfe (August 6) about the privatisation of the Recruitment and Assessment Service raises an issue that ought to be more widely aired.

For a century and a half Britain has had a Civil Service staffed by people recruited on merit through a system of competitive examination and interviews by boards containing independent chairmen and members. As a result of this, the Civil Service, whatever its other weaknesses, has been remarkably free of nepotism, cronyism and political favouritism; and the infrequent financial scandals have been rare enough to be shocking.

We take this for granted until we encounter the public services of other countries.

The last few years have seen a progressive dismantling of this system.

Dogma and reality

Sir, "Always a loyal friend of the Sov-

iet Union" (obituary of Aruna Asaf Ali, August 8). How long will it be be-fore these words constitute the accept-

ed definition of loyalty to dogma in de-

Your obituarist unwittingly raises

the wider issue of the UK's responsi-

bility for India's postwar performance

than has perhaps been admitted so

far. The founders of independent In-

dia imbibed their socialist ideals at the

feet of the ruling intellectual elite of

We British, pragmatists that we are,

did not fall for such an easy Utopia

From Mr David Johnson

nial of reality?

and soon abandoned it.

The Lodge, Church Hill, High Littleton, Somerset.

The Indians, unfortunately, believed it and attempted to implement it. The result is the unbelievably bureaucratic controlled economy which is only now beginning to unravel. That such an approach is not genetically predetermined is evidenced by the economic success of emigrée Indians the world over.

It must be an awful legacy to have the world realise that one's life was dedicated to a system that has been total-

Yours faithfully. DAVID JOHNSON. 10 Thornton Road, Wimbledon Village, SW19. August 8.

Noisy neighbours

the LSE, notably the Webbs.

From Mr Jason Stacey

Sir, Rachel Kelly's article, "Now noisy neighbours may face the music" (Homes, July 31), may have given readers the impression that people are now liable for on-the-spot lines of £100 for noise made between 11pm and 7am that is above the legally allowed 35 decibels. This is not the case.

Whilst the Noise Bill, introduced by

Harry Greenway, MP, received its Royal Assent just before Parliament rose for the summer recess, the Act won't be enacted until probably April l, 1997, to allow technical considerations to be agreed and local authorities time to adopt the measures in full.

Additionally, the article implies that it is up to the individual contacting the environmental health departments of local authorities to "prove" that the noise is a statutory nuisance. In fact individuals will not have to do this.

After receiving a complaint, local environmental health officers will visit the properties concerned and measure the noise being made with a standardised noise-measuring unit. It is this device that will prove whether the noise level is above the 35-decibel

Yours etc. JASON STACEY. 68 Bessborough Road. Harrow, Middlesex. August 1.

Maddened by bells From Mr Richard Berklev-Matthews

Sir, Thanks in part to a donation from my cousin, the late Miss Eileen Heaven, the church bells of St Helena's. Lundy, have been rehung. On a recent visit to the island I was told by the acting agent that, such is the disruption caused to Lundy's usual peace and tranquillity, the now frequent parties of visiting bell-ringers have been restricted to four hours ringing a day. with no ringing on Fridays sletters,

Even life in the Kingdom of Heaven (as the island was known during the ownership of the Heaven family) can be disturbed by the sound of church

Yours faithfully. RICHARD

BERKLEY-MATTHEWS, 35 York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, SWII. August 7.

Trade descriptions From Miss Joanna A. Migdal

Sir, Without a shadow of doubt, my trade puts all others in the shade (letters, July 22, 26; August 3, 10).

Yours faithfully. J. A. MIGDAL (Sundial maker), Lethendry, Polecat Valley, Hindhead, Surrey.

Spread of BSE From Mr David C. Taylor

Sir. The Assistant Chief Veterinary Officer is wrong to state that BSE cannot be transmitted through milk "because the calves of dairy cows do not drink their mothers' milk treport. August 2). Calves do drink their mother's milk, at least for the first day or so. when they receive the protein-rich (prion-protein-rich?) colostrum — first milk - which is important for their survival and never sold as milk to the public.

Yours faithfully. DAVID C. TAYLOR, International Zoo Veterinary Group, Keighley Business Centre.

Keighley, West Yorkshire. August 2

From Professor S. H. U. Bowie, FRS Sir, Michael Dynes ("EU 'mad cow' bill could exceed [] billion", July 31) rightly refers to the need to restore confidence in Europe's beef and lamb markets. Attempts to do so should be based on the best possible scientific evidence and on accurate reporting by

the media. For example, "possible" should not be changed to "probable", as has happened in the past.

There would not seem to be any evidence that under normal feeding conditions scrapie can be passed to cattle or other ruminants. It is even less likely that scrapie or BSE can cross the species boundary to humans. However, what is certain is that the strictest possible measures should be taken to prevent mammalian meat or bonemeal being fed to any herbivore.

It is well known that groups of people in this country and abroad consider that the brain and spinal cord of sheep are delicacies. It should be relatively easy to obtain evidence as to whether or not they suffer more from CJD than others who have never eaten such products.

Yours faithfully, S. H. U. BOWIE, Tanyard Farm. Clapton, Crewkerne, Somerset. August I.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Measuring the merits of metric

From Mr R. C. Amsden

Sir, Mr V. T. Linacre, Chairman of the British Weights and Measures Association (letter, August 5), may find metric units inelegant, but surely they are not an anachronism as are the imperial units.

He is quite right to deplore your ocasional mixing of the two systems. However, now that the greater part of our population is fortunate enough to have been educated to use the Système International it is surely incumbent on you to use the modern metric units to the exclusion of units based on bar-

leyeorns and body measurements. If any of your readers complain that they do not understand the metric units but claim to comprehend the imperial, then try challenging them to state the area of one chain by one furlong without looking it up. The hecrare is 100 metres by 100 metres or one

hundredth of a square kilometre. The imperial system was partly based on the needs of agriculture. A furlong is the length of furrow which a horse can plough without a rest and a chain's width of such furrows is the area which the animal can work in one day. Very practical; however, the hectare is much hetter suited to the use of tractors.

Incidentally the Sudanese area unit. the feddan, is 1,038 acres.

Yours sincerely RON AMSDEN. 4 Shepherds' Hall, Market Lane, Linton, Cambridge.

From Mrs Sheila Lyddon

Sir, Mr Linacre reproaches you for confusing readers with an odd assortment of metric and imperial measures, but who is confused? Not me.

I went metric when my children were at school, so I had no difficulty on Saturday at the garden centre in selecting a 14in wire hanging basker and (same brand) a 35cm liner.

My metric-educated children, now adult, use whichever measure is appropriate, plus 28g of common sense. They generally prefer imperial.

Yours faithfully. LYDDON. 6a Station Parade, Richmond, Surrey.

August 5. From Mr R. J. Turner

Sir. V. T. Linacre suggests that you should use only imperial units. I would like to suggest that you use only SI units and exclude all others.

I have a grandson, now in his second year at university, who since he started at primary school has been taught nothing but metric units. He does not understand and is confused by imperial units. No wonder employers are critical of the standards of job-

We should have followed the example of the Australians and changed to the metric system in one fell swoop: even the elderly there quickly picked it up. My aged aunts happily think and

talk in kilometres and grams. V. T. Linacre reminds me of my dear old mother, who at the time of decimalisation of the currency said: "Why did they have to do it now? Why couldn't they wait until we old folks had died off?"

Yours faithfully. R. TURNER, 92 Brook Lane. Warsash, Southampton. August 5.

A move for Sir Walter?

From Dr Brian Porter

Sir, The little, life-size statue of Sir Walter Raleigh on the Ministry of De-fence green in Whitehall looks so incongruous among the much larger statues of the surrounding Second World War generals that it should surely be moved to a more suitable

No better one could be found than on the strip of lawn fronting the National Gallery, already graced by the life-size statues of George Washington

and James II. Not only is Trafalgar Square the right location for one of our maritime celebrities, but how fitting, if he were placed a little distance to the left of Washington, that Virginia's founder tand the fact should be added to the olinth) should stand alongside Virginia's greatest son.

Yours faithfully. BRIAN PORTER, Rutherford College, University Kent at Canterbury, Canterbury, Kent. August 9.

A little learning

From Mr Peter Burian

Sir, Whilst your columns are full of the headline achievements of American academia with the Martian discoveries and "intelligent" life speculations, you may be forgiven for overlooking our own Coventry University's contribution to revealing the ysteries of the Universe.

I have been invited to take part in a PhD study there into domestic work in London, encompassing cleaners, au pairs and mothers' helps.

The qualification "PhD Char" should open up undreamed-of oppor-

Yours etc. PETER BURIAN,

Hillview, Vale of Health, NW3. August 8.

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HM YACHT BRITANNIA August 12: The Queen disem-barked from HMY Britannia this morning at Stranraer and was received at Cairnryan Ferry Terminal by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wig-town (Major Edward Orr Ewing). Mr George Kynoch MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland) and the Managing Director, P & O Ferries (Mr John Palmer).

Her Majesty drove to Stranraer Academy and was received by the Rector (Mr Michael Davies) and the Chairman of Governors (Mrs Rosemary Mann).

The Queen saw the redevelopment work in progress, met pupils and staff and opened the new Games Hall.

Her Majesty afterwards visited Agnew Park and was received by the Chairman of the Community Resources Committee, Dumfries and Galloway Council (Mr William Service) and the Chairman of Wigtown West Area Committee (Mr Brian Park).

The Queen viewed the Princess Victoria Memorial and inspected members of the Sea. Scouts, the Army Cadets and the Royal British Legion, be-

fore officially naming the Park. Her Majesty later visited Dalrymple Hospital and was received by the Chairman of Dumfries and Galloway Community Health NHS Trust (Miss Elizabeth Edwards).

The Queen afterwards opened the new St John Unit, which will provide hospice care for the community, and was received by Colonel James Stirling of Garden (Prior of Scotland, Order of St John).

Her Majesty subsequently visited the new Rhinsdale House Day Centre, was received by the Chairman of the Social Services Committee, Dumbries and Galloway Coun-cil (Mrs Elizabeth Gordon) and met staff and residents. The Queen later arrived at John Niven Campus, Dum-

fries and Galloway College, and was received by the Principal of the College (Mr James Neil) and the Head of John Niven Campus (Mrs Victoria Quinn). Her Majesty subsequently honoured Mr Allan Baldwick

(Convener, Dumfries and Galloway Council) with her presence at Luncheon. The Queen this afternoon

returned to the Royal Yacht.

Nature notes

MORE birds are moving south. Common and arctic terns are appearing over rivers and reservoirs: the arctic terns will keep going until they reach the Antarctic in a month or two. Migrating pied flycatchers can turn up in any stretch of woodland: they fly nimbly out from a branch to pick up passing insects. Late broods of goldfinches are leaving the nest the young birds sit in a line waiting for their parents to bring food. They are sometimes called "grey-pates" because they have not yet acquired the red, black and white faces of the adults.

The pink flowers of spotted persicaria, or redlegs, are common in the ditches the leaves bear a dark mark, like a print left by a bleeding thumb. In waste places, small



The pied flycatcher

bindweed flowers sometimes cover the ground like a sea of white trumpets. Conkers are swelling on the horse-chestnuts, and drumstick-like seeds are forming on the limes. Silver Y moths have been very common this year. they have a curving Y-shaped mark on their front wings. In London, they fly out from window boxes when the flowers are watered in the morn-

Birthdays today

Mr Roger Abel, chairman, Conoco

St. Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, 54; Mr Kenneth Collins, MEP. 57; Lord Colnbrook, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, 62; Air Mar shal Sir Maurice Heath, 87; General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, 75; Sir Anthony Jolliffe, former Lord Mayor of London, 58; Dr Tomnty Kemp, physician and rugby player, 81; Professor David King, Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 57; Mr Mark Knopfler, singer, songwriter and guitarist, 47; Mr Norris McWhirter, founder Editor, Guinness Book of Records, 71; Mr shal Sir Maurice Heath, 87: Gen-Guinness Book of Records, 71; Mr Floris Maljers, KBE, former joint chairman, Unilever NV, 63; Sir Robin Nicholson, metallurgist, 62; Lord Renton, QC, 88; Mr Pete Sampras, tennis player, 25; Mr Jonathan Taylor, chairman, Booker, 61; Mr Peter West, sports commentator, 76; Professor Gra-ham Zellick. Principal. Queen Mary and Westfield College, 48.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Bewick, graver, Newcastle, 1753; King George IV, reigned 1820-30, London, 1762; Robert Southey. Poet Laureate 1813-43. Bristol, 1774; Sir Joseph Barnby, composer, York, 1838; Jacinto Benavente, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1866; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Ashfield, Massachusens, 1881: Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel Jaureate 1933, Vienna, 1887; Dr C.E.M. Joad. civil servant, author and controversialist, Durham,

DEATHS: Nahum Tate, Poet Laureate 1692-1715, London, 1715; Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, committed suicide, North Gray Place, Kent. 1822; William Blake, poet and artist, London, 1827: George Stephenson, builder of The Rocket. Tapton, Derbyshire, 1848; Sir William Jackson Hooker, first director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1841-65, London, 1865; James Lowell. poet and diplomat, Cambridge Massachusetts, 1891; Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld, Arctic explorer, Holland, submarine pioneer Newark. New Jersey, 1914; Arthur Griffith, Irish statesman, Dublin, 1922: Leos Janáček, composer, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 1928: Thomas Mann, novelist, Nobel laureate 1929, Zurich, 1955; Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, Canterbury, 1964: Professor Sir Ernst Chain, biochemist, Nobel Jaureate 1935, Ireland, 1979; Henry Fonda, actor, Los Angeles, 1982. Thomas Alva Edison made the

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Stage is cleared for Globe players

By Dalya Alberge

THE Globe Theatre, the reconstructed Shakespearean theatre on the South Bank of the Thames, is nearing completion as actors rehearse and scholars and scenic artists put the finishing touches to the stage, which - as in the l6th century - will remain unchanged for every production. Time is getting short as dress rehearsals for The Two Gentlemen of Verona begin next week, when any extra painting will have to be done

Jenny Tiramani, supervising the design for the stage, is co-ordinating research by Jon Greenfield, of Pentagram Design, and Peter Davidson, from the Centre for the Study of the Renaissance at Warwick University, among others. The Globe opens officially

by night.

next year but a production of The Two Gentlemen of Verona will run from August 21 to September 15 directed by Jack Shepherd, the actor and playwright. He spoke of how the Globe's unchanging stage will transform the art of theatre. There is no scenery and no lighting, as performances are by day: "It will always have the same background. We have to suggest different places." Recreating the Eliza-

By Angus NICOL

THE Silver Chanter piobaireachd

recital, held on Skye last week,

remains a pinnacle of two days of music, a recital by the best pipers in the world. At the end of the recital, almost as an afterthought.

the Silver Chanter is presented to

one of the five invited performers.

began the recital with a meticu-

for the Earl of Antrim, was the winner for the third year in succession. This powerful lament

is a MacCrimmon tune by attribu-

tion and commemorates the death

of the Earl of Antrim, a Mac-

Donald, who lent support to the

William MacCallum, who



Work goes on around Jenny Tiramani, who is supervising the design for the Globe's stage

bethan way reflects a move away from "concept theatre" of recent years, he said. "This will be an exercise in the imagination, not stage design." Dr Davidson said of the theatre: "We know the shape. because of Wenceslaus

plobaireachd recital took place, as always, in what was the Great

Hall of Dunvegan Castle, the very

room in which many of the Mac

Hollar's engraving. We know that there were stars and the moon on the ceiling above the stage and that the sign of the theatre was Hercules bearing the celestial globe. We know that the stage area was brightly coloured. That is about it."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Chiswell

and Miss C.A. Stroebel The engagement is announced between Richard John, son of Dr and Mrs John Chiswell, of Borough Green. Kent, and Claire Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kurt Strochel, of Hockley, Essex. Mr W.M. Heneker and Miss S. Phillips

The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Heneker, of Reigate. Surrey. and Sarah. daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Phillips. of Pencoed, Glamorgan. Mr P.G.D. Robertson and Miss T.H. Coote

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Gillespie Robertson, of London, and Tabitha, daughter of Mr Richard Coote and Mrs Belinda Coute, also of London. Mr A.D. Simpson-Orleban

and Miss J.C. Dopheide The engagement is announced between Aubrey, elder son of Sir Michael and Lady Simpson-Orlebar, of Needham Market, Suffolk, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dieter Dopheide of Vienna, Austria. Mr M.J. Wootliff and Miss T. Viscovitch

The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Wootliff, of Leeds, Yorkshire, and Tanya, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Doro Viscovitch of York, Yorkshire,

Service dinner

Cambridgeshire Army Cadet

Mr James Crowden, Lord-Lieuten ant of Cambridgeshire, was prin-cipal guest at the annual dinner of the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force at Deverell Barracks, Ripon. Colonel D.H. Bristow and the Cantain Jean Nelson presided.

Marriages 👗 and Miss S.P. Wellesley

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft. Palace of Westminster, of Mr Frank Mosier, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frank Mosier, of Saratoga, New York, to Miss Sarah Paige Wellesley, youn-ger daughter of Earl and Countess Cowley, of Castletown, Isle of Man. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated.
The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Henry Welles-

ley, the Hon Natasha Wellesley, Miss Olivia Galsworthy and Miss ohnna Wellesley. Mr Alexander Williams was best man. A reception was held at the

Oriental Club and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr K.P. Lloyd and Miss L.M.C. Kirwan-Taylor

A service of blessing was held on Saturday at St Mark's, Regent's Park NWI. after the marriage at Marylebone Register Office of Mr Keith Lloyd, son of the late Mr Peter Lloyd and of Mrs Lloyd, of Torquay. Devon, to Miss Laura Kirwan-Taylor, daughter of Mr Peter Kirwan-Taylor, of Bridge hampton, New York, and of Viscountess Lymington, of West-minster. The Rev T.P.N. Devonshire Jones officiated.

Mr E.W. Howells and Miss P.M. Hopkins

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Cambridge, of Mr Edward Howells, younger son of the late Mr Christopher Howells and of Lady Graham, of Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire to Miss Philippa Hopkins, dauger of Mr and Mrs John Hopkins, of Combridge Caron B.N. Issues and Cambridge. Canon B.N. Jones and the Rev F. Gelli officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Gabriella Dryden, Thomas Dryden and Miss Helen Lawler. Dr David Verity was best man. A reception was held at Downing College and the honeymoon will be spent in Northern

Mr N.D. Coleman

and Miss K. Sims-Eakins The marriage took place on Saturday, August 10, at Westminster Register Office, of Mr Nevil Coleman and Miss Karmel Sims

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Mr D. Pierce Jones and Miss H. Taylor

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 10, 1996, at St Giles' Church, Ickenham, between Mr David Pierce Jones and Ohliss

Helen Taylor.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Michelle Wragge Morkey. Mr Robert Heathcote was The reception was held at Pine-

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MHITEHEAD - On 9 August 1996, in Manchester, New 1996, in Mandhester, New Sampshire, USA, to Cathy and Richard, a son, Timothy and Richard, a son, Timothy

AMARATUNGA - Chanaka AMARATUNGA - Chanaka. Dearly koved som of Swams Amazatunga, died lat Angust 1996 aged 40 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Dr Amazatunga became leader of the Liberal Party of Sri Lanka, after graduating from Unversity College Oxford and obtaining a Doctorate from the London School of Booomdics. Letters to Mrs S. Amazatunga, 88/1 Rocettaged Freez, Colombo

MERICR - On August 7th 1996 peacefully at home Kevin Karl aged 38, dearest husband of Marquerita and father to Honor and imminently expected beby. A private funeral was held on 10th August. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Tetbury, on Saturday October 12th at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations if desired to

CADMAN DHAMDER; - On 8th August 1996, in Berkeley, Mary-lawe, mother of Trankh and Simon. Funeral service at St John's Church, Parton, on Thunday August 15th, at 2pm. Family Bowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

CRADOCK-HARTOPP - OF August 7th, at home after a short Illness, Sir John Edward Cradock-Hartopp short Hilbers, Sir John Edmund Gradock-Hartopp Bt, aged 84, much loved husband of Pradence and dear father of Melinds, ficols and jeazure. Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church, Copes Hill, Wimbledon, on Friday, 16th August at 3 pm proceeded by private Eanly or committon.

KERWEDY - David Charles, pesceluly in hospital on August 9th aged 79 years. Huch loved father of Miceles and Paul, grandfather and great gandfather. Service at Wotton-under-Edge Parish Church, Gles on Thursday August 15th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be Punezal Services, Manor, The Wotton-under-Cest 1970) Professional flat shame Revices 0171-589 5491

DEATHS COTT - Suddenly at Beadner Northumberland, on August 7th aged 43 years, John Preston Entheriord Scott (Criminal Solicitor, West London). Descret son of Archie and Honor, dearly loved by Marilyn, adored inther of Edward and much loved brother of Susan and Christine. Funeral Service at St Etha's Chuch, Beadnell, on Wedneday 14th Anone

St Ebba's Church, Seadnell, on Wednesday 14th August at 2.30 pm, followed by private internent. Family flowen only bot donations in lieu to Breathe North Appeal c/o The Green, Wellsend, NEZE 7FR.

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Signifier - Ruth Emily (note Savory) on 9th August at Princess Managret Hospital Swindon. Deputy Head of Ridgeway School, Wroughton 1967/53. Dear wife of Donald and mother of John, David and Jane (Walker). No flowers please, Donations if desired to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Poment at the Cramatorhum, South Marston at a date to be later determined. Enquiries to Co-operative Punent Directors, Swindom Tel: 01793 491091

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The Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon was composed by fain Dall Mackay on hearing the erroneous report of the death of his old master, to whom he later played this great lament. Angus MacColl gave it a spirited perfor-mance. The last to play was Roderick MacLeod, who won the Silver Chanter in 1989 with Angus MacKay's setting of Domhnull

Lead of Talisker's Salute. He again gave an excellent rendition. While the adjudicator. John MacDougall, himself the winner of the Silver Chanter in 1980. deliberated, this year's guest piper, Kenneth MacLean, played he Lament for Mary MacLeod. The Silver Chanter recital is

organised each year by the John MacFadyen Memorial Trust, and has been sponsored for some years by Safeway Plc. Sir Alistair Grant retiring chairman of the Argyll group, was Fear Cathrach for this thirtleth recital. Norman MacLeod of Suardail expressed the gratitude of all present for his and Saleway's support.

Lady Grant made the presenta tion to William MacCallum.

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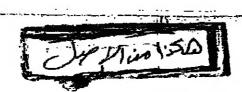
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PROFESSOR SIR NEVILL MOTT

Sir Nevill Mott, CH, FRS, winner of the 1977 Nobel Prize for Physics and Cavendish Professor of Physics. Cambridge University, 1954-71, died on August 8 aged 90. He was born on September 30: 1905.

ne of the most distinguished theoretical physicists of this century, Nevill Mon won his Nobel Prize, which he shared with the Americans Philip Anderson and John van Beck, not for that "one startling dispovery" for which the Nobel Prize is a associated in the public mind. His field of research was not one of the more outwardly glamorous ones, such as astronomy or particle physics. Yet his specialisation — solid state physics — was to find itself at the heart of the contemporary electronics revolution, and was to affect ordinary lives in a manner which the discovery of a new heavenly body, or even the detonation of a nuclear weapon, did not.

His work, and that of Anderson and van Beck, showed that certain cheap, ssy semiconductor materials had special electrical characteristics. He demonstrated that these could be used to improve the performance of circuits in computers, to increase enormously the memory of such systems, and to produce more efficient photovoltaic cells to convert solar energy into electricity. Such discoveries paved the way for a variety of now inc pensable tools for the individual, ranging from the wafer-thin, battery-less pocket calculator to the PC and the desktop publisher.

Yet when in the 1960s Mont started his work on amorphous materials like glass, which lack the orderly structure of crystalline substances such as metals and are therefore more difficult to understand. many of his contemporaries looked askance at his efforts. It was only when he produced a theory to show that such amorphous materials could function as semiconductors that the barriers of scepticism began breaking down.

'n the event he was able to demonstrate that because glassy substances were easier to prepare, and did not need to be anything like as pure as the crystalline materials used in most electronic systems to that date, their use could usher in the age of the truly cheap electronic device. Although unspectacular when described in purely scientific terms, these discoveries quite simply ended the notion of the computer as the pres are of aerospace and defence agen-cies, big industries and scientific rese. The institutes, and added it to the list of household utensils.

Surprisingly for one who had been a shy and retiring boy, Mott was, in addition to this immense burden of research work, to become in his day one of the most influential figures at Cambridge University through his 17-year tenureship

of the Cavendish professorship and his Mastership of Gonville and Caius College from 1959 to 1960. As - in addition to these two influential posts — an active member of the university's General Board and of the Council of the Senate, he played a leading part in formulating university policy, especially where science was concerned. Indeed, in matters of science education - particularly proposed changes in school syllabuses which cropped up from time to time - his voice, whether as a university spokesman or as chairman of the Royal Society committee on education which he chaired in the 1960s, was listened to far outside Cam-

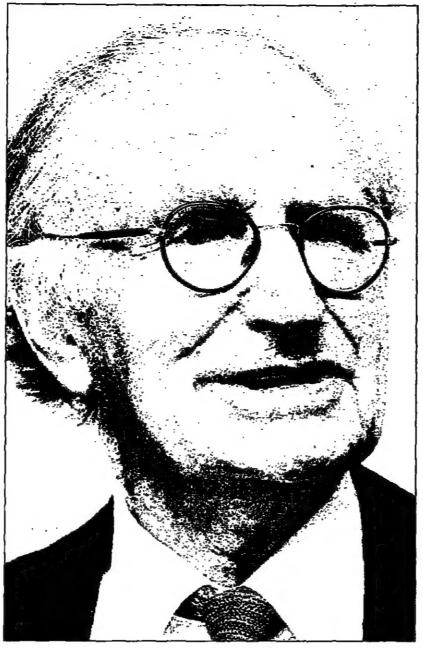
bridge, Administrative activities had not, at first, come easily to him. His first love, and the centre of his being, was his research (and he had all the endearing hallmarks of the "absent-minded professor"). But through his own action in seizing opportunities and his self-discipline in adapting himself to their challenge, he gained the necessary assurance as time progressed.

evill Francis Mort was the son of C. F. Mon, a former Direcfor of Education for Liverpool. and his talented wife Lilian. His mother and father had been research students together under J. J. Thomson at the Cavendish Laboratory, where their photographs may be seen displayed in the Research Ciroup" for 1902, when his mother was still "Miss Reynolds". Nevill was at school at Clifton College and went from there to St John's College, Cambridge, with an open scholarship.

He was classed Wrangler with Distinction in Part II of the Mathematical Tripos in 1926, and after three years' research in applied mathematics he was appointed to a lectureship at Manchester University in 1920. He returned to Cambridge as a Fellow and lecturer of Caius College in 1930 and in 1933 went to Bristol as Melville Wills Professor in Theoretical Physics. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1936 at the young age of 31. In 1948 he became Henry Overton Wills Professor of Physics and Director of the Henry Herbert Wills Physical Laboratory at Bristol.

In 1954 he returned to Cambridge to the Cavendish Chair of Experimental Physics, and in 1959 he was elected in addition to the Mastership of Caius College. In the meantime his mathematical genius had been turned to good account in the early years of the nuclear programme at the UK Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell. By this stage his absentmindedness had become legendary. It was said that when colleagues returned him to Didcot station from Harwell after a meeting there in 1954, he mistakenly took the train to Bristol, forgetting that he

had just taken up the chair at Cambridge. Mott's research career started at a time when the ideas of wave-mechanics were



being put on a firm basis, and he quickly established a reputation by his application of the new ideas to collisions of atomic particles. In an important paper he showed how the Rutherford law of alpha particle scattering could be deduced from wave-mechanical principles, and he extended it to include the effects of symmetry in scattering phenomena.

But when he went to Bristol as a professor at the age of 27 he abandoned the subject of collisions for that of metals and alloys, and within a few years he had an international reputation in that field also. Later he turned to consider semiconductors and insulators, and to problems concerned with the formation of a latent image in a photographic emulsion. During Mott's 21 years at Bristol his group occupied a position of particular eminence in theoretical physics.

During the war he first worked on problems concerned with the propagation of radio waves. Later, as Superintendent of Theoretical Research in Armaments, he made outstanding contributions to the theory of the explosive fragmentation of shell and bomb cases.

Although Mott's researches were of a purely mathematical nature, he showed particular aptitude for discussing them in physical terms, and in relation to practical

experiments. It was largely this facility which made him so successful as research director of the H. H. Wills laboratory at Bristol, where he showed unexpected ability for directing the experimental work in detail. His ability to explain mathematics in physical terms was responsible for the immediate success of his book An Outline of Wave Mechanics (1930) and its successor Elements of Wave Mechanics (1952), each of which, in its own time, had a profound influence on the teaching of wave mechanics in English

Other books, such as The Theory of Atomic Collisions (with H. S. W. Massey, 1933) and The Theory of the Properties of Metals and Alloys (with H. Jones, 1936). were of equal importance for more advanced students. Metal-Insulator Transitions (1970, 2nd ed. 1990) crowned a long period of concern with a central problem in the physics of solids which is universally known as the Mott Transition.

By the time Mott was appointed Cavendish Professor at Cambridge his interests had widened to include administration, and from the first he showed himself courageous in making far-reaching decisions and executing them with speed and ruthlessness. There was naturally at that time in the Cavendish Laboratory, where Rutherford had worked, a strong tradition of nuclear physics. Mon found that a large and costly "linear accelerator" was under construction. He saw at once the critical problems for the university which a large machine of this kind would present: although he was not due to go into residence at Cambridge until a year had elapsed, he lost little time in closing the project down.

his action determined, to a considerable extent, the future trend of the work at the Cavendish. It meant that nuclear physics could not much longer remain the central interest, and that the "Rutherford tradition" must soon cease.

Most was equally clear in his ideas on teaching. On arriving at Cambridge he found that most physicists had to take the Natural Sciences Tripos under involved and complicated regulations, framed so that all the sciences were included. He at once decided to alter its structure to make it more suitable for specialist physicists (and chemists), and such was his energy and persuasiveness that he achieved his aim in less than three years.

Research in solid state physics became a major activity of the laboratory and included the development of electronmicroscopy and its use in the investigation of the properties of metals. He also encouraged the expansion of work in radio astronomy.

At the same time, preparations for the rebuilding of the Cavendish Laboratory on a site in west Cambridge - a first

priority of the Deer report on the longterm needs of scientific departments absorbed his time and effort increasingly from the mid-1960s, at a difficult period when retrenchment rather than expansion was the national policy.

ont's Mastership of Caius was notable for his insis-tence on the importance of bringing the college into accord with the changing external conditions, especially through its admissions policy, and also of taking its full share of any university affairs. He supported the college's liberal use of its funds for purposes such as the election of considerable numbers of able young research fellows and, in particular, for its share in the founding of the new Darwin College. But he resigned the Mastership in 1906. feeling that continued conflict of opinion about many issues with a majority of the fellows made the position a frustrating one. In particular, his forward-looking for a professionally trained proposal bursar had been turned down by them.

After his retirement from the Cavendish chair. Mott returned to research with a vigour that would have been impressive in a much younger man. He worked not only with the research groups in the Cavendish Laboratory but with workers in industrial research laboratories in the UK and in France, and, as a senior research fellow, 1971-73, with the solid state physicists at Imperial College. London.

The work which was to win him the Nobel Prize in 1977 had in fact been begun, in conjunction with Anderson, at Cambridge in the 1960s. The two men's research sparked off a number of similar experiments: at Dundee; in Marburg. Germany, where the work was financed by Volkswagen; and in a number of places in the US, notably at Bell Telephone. His Nobel Prize, awarded at the relatively late age (for a mathematician) of 72, was a summation of these years of research which had to be quarried out of the time he had been compelled to devote to administration.

Outside Cambridge Mott held important offices in physics, which ranged from his presidency of the International Union of Physics through his membership of the Crowther committee on education to his work as adviser on the planning of higher education in African countries, in Israel and in Greece, to the part he played in the "Pugwash" conference on the application of science for peaceful ends.

He was knighted in 1962, and he received well over a score of honorary degrees from institutions in Britain, Europe, Israel and America. His appointment as a Companion of Honour last year was a somewhat belated, but richly merited, acknowledgement of his great

He is survived by his wife Ruth, and by one of their two daughters.

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RAFAEL KUBELIK

Rafael Kubelik, Czechborn, Swiss-naturalised conductor and composer. died yesterday in Lucerne aged 82. He was born on June 29, 1914.

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pared to compromise, especially on matters such as rehearsal time. Rafael Kubelik was a musicien from whom controversy was never very far in his earlier days, whether during his spell with the Chica Symphony Orchestra, 1950-53, or at Covent Garden where he was artistic director, 1955-58. He was not a man to whom the give and take which generally has to be part of operatic life came easily. Nor, to his credit, was he prepared to conduct in countries whose autocratic regimes he found repugnant. He had, after all, had to leave Czechoslovakia after the Communist takeover in 1948. But his later experiences

were happier ones. From 1961 he had a fruitful association with Munich as chief conductor of Bayerischer Rundfunk and he stayed there until illhealth — acute arthritis forced him to give up conducting in 1979. He broke off a performance of Mahler's Ninth Symphony in Munich because he could no longer stand the pain and he seldom appeared before an orchestra thereafter.

High 75th birthday in 1989 was, Sough, celebrated with much acclaim in Bavaria. including performances of several of his own works. His period in Munich had been notable for the recording of all Mahler's symphonies and for recordings of works by Jana-

cek and Schoenberg. Rafael Jeronym Kubelik was born on his father's estate near Kolin to the east of Prague. His family was musical, his father being the legendary Czech violinist Jan Kubelik, whom the young Rafael was later to accompany on the piano. His mother was a Hungarian countess of broad culture.

Kubelik studied at the Prague Conservatoire and demonstrated just how versatile he was by conducting, playing the violin and offering one of his own compositions for the final examination. In 1934 he conducted the Czech Philharmonic for the first time. five months before his 20th hirthday. Approinted conductor of the orchestra in 1936, he took it on tours throughout Czechoslovakia and abroad in particular to Britain.

Before the war he also conducted at the Brno Opera, which was famous for its championship of Janacek, and from 1942 to 1948 he was music director of the Czech Philharmonic. After the war he helped to found the Prague Spring Festival, but he left the country after the Communist takeover in 1948.

Some of his first engagements in the West were provided by the BBC, for whom Kubelik conducted a number of operas. He also conducted

Don Giovanni for the Glyndebourne Opera during its appearance at the Edinburgh Festival in 1948.

However, his reputation was established mainly in the concert hall and this led to his appointment as principal conductor of the Chicago Symphony in 1950. The Chicago years were stormy. Kubelik insisted both on lengthy rehearsal periods and in scheduling a large number of contemporary works. He was criticised for a narrow repertoire, although he did premicre Roy Harris's Symphony No 7 in 1952 and Bloch's Suite Hébraique in 1953. But he made enemies in the city and resigned after three years.

The choice of Kubelik as artistic director of Covent Garden came as a total surprise to musical London. He had conducted a highly successful Katya Kabanova at Sadler's Wells but otherwise was scarcely known as an opera conductor in Britain. Before taking over the job he made his debut at the house with a new production of The Bartered Bride, an obvious gesture of loyalty to his native land. The soprano lead of Majenka was sung by Elsie Morison, whom he was later to marry. Kubelik at once announced

a policy at Covent Garden of opera in English, sung whenever possible by a resident company which he was trying to build up. It was a controversial move, made the more so by the fact that some of his

selected performers were not of a standard to have made it in an international house. The experiment might have had its attractions elswhere, but Covent Garden was hardly the place for it.

There were public rows, one rith Tito Gobbi whom with Kubelik fired for turning up late for rehearsals. There was another, in print, with Beecham, who thoroughly disapproved of the Kubelik approach. The compensations were Kubelik's own performances - Otello, The Trojans and Jenufa. But these were not great years at Covent Garden and when Kubelik left in 1958 his policy of English-language performance was revoked.

Thereafter he conducted a number of world orchestras. among them the Vienna Philharmonic and the Israel Philharmonic maintaining his momentum on the international scene, Soon he was dividing much of his life between Munich and Lucerne. Made chief conductor of Bayerischer Rundfunk in 1961, he led the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra on many tours abroad until his retirement in 1979, it was the natural place to express his lifelong feeling for Mahler and, to a lesser extent, Bruckner.

Latterly he had a home in Lucerne - he had taken out Swiss citizenship in 1967 and was artistic adviser to the festival there, which in 1988 gave the premiere of one of his last compositions, Invocation. In London he was heard regularly with the LSO. In 1973 there was a brief flirtation with the Met in New York before James Levine took over. But by then Kubelik had probably realised that the international opera circuit was not for him.

He made a number of records, mainly with the Bavarian Radio, which included two Weber operas (Oberon and Freischütz) as well as his beloved Mahler. He had no outward resentment of the disease which brought an end to his career at an age when many conductors feel there is a good decade to go and told one inverviewer that "pain can act as a positive spiritual force".

To prove it he went on composing. His works include, notably, the operas Veronika, first performed in Brno in 1947, and Cornelia Faroli (based on the life of Titian) and premiered in Augsburg in 1972. There were also two symphonies, one orchestral, the other choral; two concertos, one for violin, one for cello; and three re-

Finally, in 1990, after 42 years in exile he returned to Prague and conducted the Czech Philharmonic in a memorable concert on the city's Old Town Square.

His first wife, the violinist Lala Bertlova, by whom he had one son, died in 1961. He married the soprano Elsie Morison two years later: she survives him.



Church news

Latest appointments include The Rev Alison Beever, Assistant Curate, Christ Church and St Mark's Watford (St Albans), to be Vicar, St Catherine of Siena, Tilehurst (Oxford).

The Rev David Burrell, Priest-incharge, Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland: to be Priest-incharge, Culford. West Stow and Wordwell. Flempton with Hengrave and Lackford and The Fornhams and Timworth (St Edmondsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Stuart Carter, Assistant Curate, St Luke, Birmingham, to be Assistan: Curate, Christ Churc Quinton (Birmingham). The Rev Dr Joseph Cassidy, formerly senior lecturer in ethics and theology, to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Salisbury St Martin and Laverstuck (Salisbury).

The Rev Christopher Chapman, Priest-in-charge, Loddon, Sisland with Hales and Heckingham, and Pipel Page .. Loddon (Norwich):

to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral. The Rev Janet Collins, Team Vicur.

Witney Team Ministry, to be Staff St Albans and Oxford Ministry Course (Oxford). The Rev Louise Cooper, Curate. Dovecot (Liverpool), to be Assistant Chaplain to HM Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parva (Leicester). The Rev Antonia Cretney, for-

merly Honorary Curate. Bedminster Team Ministry, to be Curate, Bedminster Team Min-The Very Rev the Hon Hogh Dickinson, Dean of Salisbury

Cathedral (Salisbury), recently re-tired, now Dean Emeritus. The Rev Richard Goodhand. Priest-in-charge, Clarborough with Hayton (Southwell): now Assistant Chaplain (part-time) at HM Prison, Ranby The Rev Stephen Griffiths, Assistant Curate, Glascote and

and Ipswich).

The Rev Cynthia Hebden, Curate, deanery of Twycelyn (Bangor, Church in Wales), to be Curate, St Mary, Knighton (Leicester). The Rev Jonathan Herbert, Team Vicar. Blakenhall Heath Team Ministry (Lichfield), to be Community Member, Pilsdon Com-munity (Salisbury). The Rev Eric Heselwood, Vicar, St Mark, Biggin Hill, to be Vicar, All Saints, Orpington (Rochester). The Rev Selxistian Jones, Vicar, South Ascot, All Souls, to be also

Stonydelph (Lichfield), to be Priest-

in-charge. St Paul, Stratford, and

Area Youth Officer (Chelmsford).

Rural Dean of Bracknell (Oxford). The Rev Trevor Jones, Assistant Curate. Widford (Chelmsford), to he Vicar, St Peter and St Mary Stowmarket (St Edmundsbury The Rev Roger Matthews, Team

Vicar, Chigwell and Chigwell Row Team Ministry, to be Diocesan

Canon Roy Manhews, permission to officiate, diocese York, to be Priest-in-charge, Selby Abbey, during the interregnum, same diocese. The Rev Terence Nottage, Rector, North Sutton Team Ministry, to be Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Adviser in Vocations (Exeter). The Rev Angus Parker, Associate Minister. Attenborough (Southwell), to be Vicar, St Pan-

The Rev John Potter, Vicar, Swindon New Town Team Ministry (Bristol), to be Vicar, Milber Newton Abbot (Exeter).

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The Rev Anthony Shaw, Head Co-ordinator of Key Stage One in a London School and on the staff of St Mark's Church, Regents' Park (London), to be Priest-in-charge. Winthurre, All Saints Church and Langlord, St Bartholomew with Holme, St Giles, and Diocesan Inspector of Church Schools (Southwell).

A TALE

Every man experienced in love must have felt the pleasure of being deceived. and perhaps he submits with most cheerfulness to the arts of the other sex. acts with more wisdom than the cunning lover, who is for ever investigating facts and circumstances. This was the conduct of a certain Turkish merchant, of whom we are going to give an anecdote.

This merchant went upon a trading voyage which consumed two years, and during his absence his wife, who was young and handsome, feeling for his absence consented to the solicitations of an ardent lover to fill his place.

The consequence was that the merchant's wife became a mother, without making a father of her betrothed spouse. The merchant returning suddenly, surprised his wife in the very act of nursing her spurious bantling - and assuming a complaisant air, inquired with great humility to what happy accident he owed the increase in his family.

ON THIS DAY

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The Times, in its second year, and still called The Universal Register, was dependent on more than hard news to fill its columns.

The lady answered - "Mahomet must be the father, for one day as I lay reclined in the garden upon a bench, a cloud suddenly burst over me - turning my eyes to Heaven, I perceived there was a fall of snow - ejaculating a prayer at the instant. a fleck of snow fell into my mouth, and within ten months I was delivered of this fair babe".

"I thank the Holy Prophet", said the merchant, "I wished for an heir and he has sent me one - I am satisfied, and we

must take care of the offspring of the father of the faithful". The merchant was a perfect master of dissimulation; he also loved peace and never upbraided his wife, or shewed the least want of affection to the son of the Holy Prophet.

The son grew up, and when 15 the merchant proposed to carry him on a

journey - He carried him to Alexandria and there sold him to a merchant who traded to the East Indies. On his return - his wife was distracted at the loss of her son. "Calm your passions", said he, "the Prophet is only to blame - the boy and I on a sultry day travelled upon a lofty mountain, when on a sudden your son began to dissolve, and melted before my eyes - I would have attempted to assist him: but recollecting you had told me he was made of snow. I considered it

A great part of Cheapside, a large proportion of Wapping, a good slice of Rotherhithe, and half Whitechapel have emptied themselves in Margate.

would have been labour in vain".

RICHARD AUSTR

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Trim Queen's powers, Blair is told

■ The Queen would be stripped of all her political powers, her role as head of the Commonwealth would be ended and the monarch turned into a purely ceremonial figurehead under radical plans to be delivered to Tony Blair today.

In a far-reaching study, a Fabian Society document calls for abolition of the Civil List, transfer of the powers encompassed by the Royal Prerogative to the Speaker and new national anthems for England and the United Kingdom Pages 1, 2

British student killed by volcano

A gifted medical student has been killed standing on the rim of a volcano in the Philippines which exploded "like an atomic bomb". Julian Green, 21, died in the arms of Gordon Cole, his companion, who was praised for his courage in helping others down the mountain ...

Multiple mother

Medical experts were astonished that Mandy Allwood, pregnant with octuplets, was given fertility treatment without her boyfriend's .. Pages 1, 3 16 agreement...

Moorland worries

As guns are loaded and Barbours donned this morning for what is likely to prove at best a modest grouse season, anxious landowners will be taking a special interest in the results from one particular Scottish moor Page 1

Sad Shearer

Alan Shearer, the world's most expensive footballer, has been brought down to earth with a . Pages 1, 21, 27

Blair's crusade

Tony Blair has decided to tackle head-on the fears raised by Clare Short about his Labour revolution and launch a crusade to win ..Page 2 over doubters ..

Edinburgh fun

A fight for audiences on this year's Edinburgh fringe may be beyond a juke. A total of 185 comedy shows are competing for attention this year, 40 per cent up on last year and four times more than a decade agoPage 3

Low-grade exam

Education officials are investigating an examination board that reduced the grade C pass mark in just 14 per cent

Redundant wall

Hardly had Hadrian completed the building of his mighty wall from Tyne to Solway than his successor, Antoninus Pius, declared it redundant.........Page 6

Fireworks for Dole

San Diego put on a spectacular fireworks display to launch the Republican convention. but not before Bob Dole had produced some weekend pyrotechnics of his Pages 10. 17

Duty-free puzzles

If you happen to be holidaying in Europe and are stuck in a dutyfree checkout queue behind a line of tanned shopaholics, ask yourself a question. Why does "dutyfree" still exist?...

Truce mission

Aleksandr Lebed, the Kremlin's security chief and newly appointed troubleshooter on Chechenia. flew to the Caucasus on a mission to end the worst fighting in Grozny in more than a year Page 7

New editor named

A woman who once thought of becoming a nun has been appointed Editor of the Catholic Herald. She is likely to prove a contrast to her predecessor, Christina Odone ...

Turkey's blow

Turkey's Islamic Government blew a huge hole in America's a GCSE mathematics paper to attempt to isolate Iran and cripplePage 4 its energy industry...

US game show is hard to credit

A television game show in America has discarded traditional prizes such as cars and foreign holidays. Instead, it offers to pay off contestants' debt. The show, Debt, has proved popular among 20 and 30-something Americans for whom life is often a long struggle to pay off borrowings and it is being considered for a run on one of the big networks Page 9



A young kinglisher catches its first minnow from a bowl of water, showing that it is recovering from injuries it suffered when it flew into a window in Wells, Somerset. The bird is being cared for by Sheena Rees at her licensed bird hospital in Glastonbury

Browing up: Whitbread is looking at strategic alliances with some of the small regional beer-makers to protect its market position in the light of merger plans between two Page 40

Job fears: The banking union is calling for publication of a report by an insurance trade organisation that suggests the industry faces the loss of 100,000 jobs over the next five years ... Page 40

miership may seem awash with cash, life for smaller clubs is becoming perilous Page 40 Stubbed out: Graham Searjeant

Off the ball: While football's Pre-

mulls over the implications of a defeat in the American courts for one of Britain's biggest producers of rigarettes

ARTS

Night out: After the recent criticism of the West End, our chief theatre critic, Benedict Nightingale, samples the experience of the ordinary. paying theatre-goer Page 14

Radical drama: The German director, Peter Stein, brings his Italianlanguage production of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya to this year's Edinburgh Festival Page 14

Opera fun: Riveting stagings of Jack Beeson's Lizzie Borden, Cavalli's Calisto and Mark Lamos's La finta giardiniera make New York's Glimmerglass opera festival a great success.

Fine music: Ambiguous yet illuminating, magnificent and inspiring: such was the debut of Mikhail Pletney and the Russian National .Page 38 Orchestra at the Proms Page 15

General: Over England and Wales.

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trere will also be some scattered showers North Sea coasts and the Northern Isles, however, will be rather overcast and drazily, with hill and coastal tog. Temperatures will be close to normal in light winds.

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FEATURES

Star gazers: The discovery of bacteria-like forms from Mars has given credence to the search for alien life elsewhere in the universe, reports Anjana Ahuja

New saries: How many of life's little pleasures did you enjoy this weekend? A couple of cigarettes? A bottle of wine? Perhaps your indulgence was a bit stronger? Does that make you a drug addict or an alcoholic? Rosie Boycott, Anthony Holden and Candida Crewe on the power of addiction Pages 12, 13

Mother mouse: A finding by a PhD student has put a new twist in the old nature-nurture debate. She found that mice without the right gene abandon their pups, suggesting that nurture is determined in the first place by nature Page 11

TOMORROW

SPORT

Football: Alan Shearer was upstaged as his new club. Newcastle United, were beaten 4-0 by Manchester United in the FA Charity Shield. . Pages 21 and 27

Headingley ...

beat Damon Hill into second place in the Hungarian Grand Prix. Their team, Williams Renault, won the constructors' title...... Page 23

States, led the field as Europeans struggled in the final round of the US PGA in Louisville Page 22

Saint-Germain and returned to the top of the Super League ... Page 23 Horse racing: Cigar, the seemingly invincible American horse, failed in his attempt to achieve a seventeeth successive victory, at Del Mar. California ...

NATIONAL LOTTERY

41, 23, 36, 45, 3, 38. Bonus: 44. ning £2.830 each: 49,356 matched 1,008.409 won £10 each.

Cricket: Nick Knight hit a maiden Test century as England scored 501 to take a first-innings lead of 53 over Pakistan in the second Test at

Motor racing: Jacques Villeneuve

Goff: Russ Cochran, of the United Rugby league: St Helens beat Paris

Two winners share this week's £10,551,982 jackpot, each taking £5,275,991. Nine receive £360,751 each for five correct numbers plus the bonus number. A total of 717 tickets matched five numbers, winfour numbers, to win £90 each; and

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Geoff Schumann, the comedian, reflects intelligently on his craft in The Day that Changed my Life (BBC2, 8pm). Review: Lynne Truss had a heart-rending, mind-blowing weekend Page 39

OPINION

Tax and trust

The twin themes of tax and trust are compelling. Mr Dole has a moving story to tell and a fine cureer to highlight. He has to do that throughout the convention this week. He will not have another Pagali chance...

To play the man

Ultimately, there is no easy way to package attractively the damaged goods that make up this Government. A willingness to tackle Mr Blair head-on at least demonstrates a renewed spirit Page 17

Feathered enemies

A ban on shooting birds of prey allowed their numbers so to increase that they not only decimated colonies of game birds, but also brought about catastrophic falls in other protected species Page 17

COLDUNS WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The essence of Reaganism is smaller government, lower taxes, more jobs, local populism, and patriotism. The experience is that this is a winning combination Page 16 PETER RIDDELL

Mr Dole assumes that more than a quarter of the cost of tax cuts will be recouped by higher tax revenues generated by faster growth. But the Reagan years showed that acrossthe-board tax cuts without comparable spending reductions merely push up the budget deficit and interest rates...

ORTHANIES

Professor Sir Nevill Mott, winner of 1977 Nobel Prize for Physics, Rafael Kubelik, Czech-born conductor and composer...... Page 19

LEVERS

Rantzen Report: Tube strikes merits of metric; Civil Service standards; noisy neighbours.... Page 17

THE PAPERS For the French, this is turning into a summer to forget. France [hasbeen thrown intol a self-questioning and anxious mood

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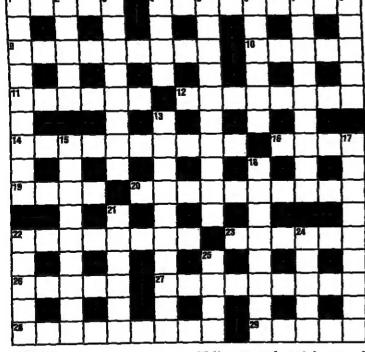
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- I Brush suit before church (5). Pays for changes? (9).
- 9 Seeing spirit in a mount, one speculates (9). 10 Drive around a foreign country
- 11 Prematurely ended the career of a
- singer (b).

 12 How to follow lots of players for a little extra entertainment (8).
- 14 The company taking ages blames reorganisation (10). 16 Leave it in some haste - that's the
- answer (4). 19 The Queen very large and
- amous statue (4).
- 20 Moving, though quite mad, proposal (10).
 22 Remarkable pieces thrown by a beginner at wheel (8).
- 23 Majestic bearing to give delight

BERLOUP

Absolute quiet always required

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,249 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

- 27 Keen team formed in part of London (9). 28 A pharmacist's coin-in-the-slot machine (9).
- 29 The more of these people have the more they want! (5).
- DOWN Initially call to account for capital
- 2 A river sailor seen around before
- Pass several so liberal (8). Pity the young widow staying with her mother-in-law! (4).
- 5 Engaging heavyweight to appear in a Northern fown (10).
- 6 A woman in extremity turned 7 Food from Peg that is totally
- cooked (9). 8 European agreement over as yet
- 13 Grants made once all was senled 15 A good man to put down the latest
- news (4.5). 17 Though perhaps perfect at the top, head shows strain [9].
- 18 Rustic poems, possibly written in German (8).
- 21 Panic about cold, in short (6). 22 A seed concoction was found soothing (5). 24 Taking a drink about four is vital
- 25 Alarm's loud to attract attention

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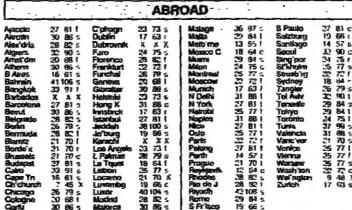
overnight rain might be slow to clear, and will be followed by showers developing during the day. They will be heavy in the east, penhaps with thunder, lighter and more scattered in the west, Temperatures will be about normal, at best, in light northerly winder. ☐ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee: Scallered showers. Becoming light. Max 16C to 18C (51F to 64F)

> SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N tre-land: Bright or surny spells and a lew showers Wind variable or northwest light. Max 17C to 19C (63F to 66F).

Outlook: overcast with showers in the east, bright with sunshine in the west.

Channel Isles, SW. NW England AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

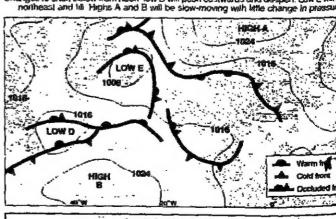
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☐ Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney Shetland: Patchy drizzle, hill and coasta log. Locally bright inland Wind east or southeast light Max 15C to 17C (59F to

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CALM condition Changes to chart below from noon low D will push eastwards and deepen. Low E will be northeast and full. Highis A and B will be slow-moving with little change in prassure.



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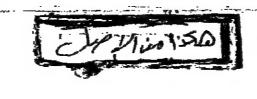
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